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Liverpool v Man United

Monday sees the season's first renewal of one of the Premier League's highest-profile fixtures, Liverpool v Manchester United.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at some of the numbers around the fixture.

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Only two players have featured in Premier League fixtures both for United against Liverpool and vice-versa - Michael Owen and Paul Ince. Ince scored in the fixture for United in March 1994 and for Liverpool in May 1999.

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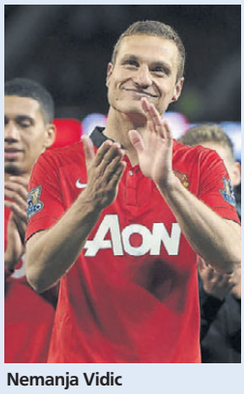
The number of red cards shown in Premier League games between the sides - to 12 different players. Javier Mascherano collected two for Liverpool and Nemanja Vidic a



Nemanja Vidic

remarkable four for United, including in three successive meetings from September 2008 to October 2009.

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Three of those players scored and were sent off in the same game - Owen for Liverpool in April 1998 and United's Denis Irwin and Andy Cole in May and September respectively of the following year.

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Gerrard is the leading Premier League goalscorer in the fixture with eight for Liverpool, adding another in the 2003 League Cup final for good measure. Four of his eight in the league were penalties.

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There has not been a goalless draw in the last 21 league meetings, or 27 in all competitions, since September 2005.

CHERRIES 6 HULL CITY 1

Cook's comeback hits hapless Hull

Nick **Purewal**

STEVE Cook atoned for a defensive howler by heading Bournemouth's second goal in an eventful 200th club appearance as the Cherries hammered Hull City.

Junior Stanislas fired a brace to add to goals from Cook, Charlie Daniels, Callum Wilson and Dan Gosling, as Eddie Howe's men romped to their record Premier League victory.

Centre-back Cook clumsily diverted Ryan Mason's speculative effort past the wrong-footed Artur Boruc – before burying a header at the other end just seven minutes later.

Mason's fortunate goal had Hull level at 1-1 and Cook pounding the turf in disbelief. When the Cherries stalwart nodded home Stanislas' free-kick, he relished his quick-fire redemption with a conciliatory wave to the home support.

A dismal showing from Hull leaves Mike Phelan's side without a Premier League win in their last six matches. That this was Phelan's first game as full-time manager after a lengthy caretaker stint made it all the worse.

Bournemouth fired six Premier League goals for the first time amid another assured showing dictated by midfield marshal Harry Arter.

The 26-year-old picked the right day to conduct the tempo, with Ireland boss Martin O'Neill no doubt an impressed spectator.

Cherries manager Howe's possession-based blueprint owes everything to link-men Arter and Andrew Surman, the two deep-lying midfielders a constant outlet for their team-mates.

Bournemouth immediately hit their attacking straps, the relentless Arter kick-starting every fluid move. Stanislas curled a free-kick off a post and Daniels buried the follow-up to hand the hosts the ideal start.

Hull spent the next 25 minutes chasing shadows as Eddie Howe's possession play took hold, Jordon Ibe growing in confidence.

Half-chances unconverted could have cost the Cherries, with Wilson striking the bar after diverting Ibe's low cut-back. Just when Bournemouth looked to grapple total control, Cook's blunder gifted the visitors their goal, the defender lazily redirecting Mason's long-range shot past Boruc. The distraught Cook punched the turf and buried his face in his shirt – but found a rapid redemption.

Just seven minutes later the 25-year-old headed home Stanislas' whipped free-kick, relishing the goal and also raising both hands in apology to the home faithful.

Bournemouth's dominance was then fully realised when Robert Snodgrass upended Callum Wilson in the Hull box. Stanislas converted the spot-kick, firing straight down the middle.

After the break Hull were unfortunate not to win a penalty when Mason went down under Surman's challenge. But after that the visitors collapsed.

Stanislas massaged the scoreline with his second and Bournemouth's fourth goal, tapping in at the far post after a low cross from Adam Smith.

Wilson headed in the fifth and Gosling curled home the sixth to complete the rout.

Hull's Will Keane (right) and AFC Bournemouth's Steve Cook battle for the ball.

Cherries' Junior Stanislas (centre) celebrates scoring his side's fourth goal.

PINK INK SAINTS

Support from one legend to another

Simon **Walter**

FRANNY Benali was grateful for the support of his good pal Matt Le Tissier, who ran a half marathon alongside his former Saints teammate on his 48th birthday, as he completed his tour of London.

Super Franny was joined by Le Tiss when he began the day with a 13-mile run from Tottenham to Arsenal via West Ham's Olympic Stadium on Friday morning.

There was even a celebratory cup cake presented to Le Tiss at Fulham's Craven Cottage before Franny cycled on to Watford and Reading.

"For Matt to run with me on his birthday shows what a great friend he is," said Benali, who visited nine clubs on Friday, including seven in London, where he was supported by friends and family, Cancer Research UK staff and other ex-footballers, including Spurs legend Gary Mabbutt and Gordon Watson.

Franny is due to arrive at Brighton & Hove Albion this evening and is on schedule to arrive at St Mary's tomorrow, before Saints v Burnley.

But he admits he was close to quitting on Thursday night.

"I could easily have done," he said. "I could barely get out of bed in the middle of the night when I wanted to have a wee.

"The weather was really bad and I was in a lot of pain. I could barely hobble around the bedroom, never mind do a marathon that morning.

"It was one of those dark places for me where I thought 'Can I go on?' Thankfully I found the determination to push through it, knowing what we're trying to do for the cause and ultimately try to help Cancer Research UK find a cure.

"People I know who are suffering with cancer inspired me through that period of darkness and we certainly feel like we're heading home now.

"I've never wanted to look further than a day ahead at any time and there's still a lot of work to be done, but there's an eye on the finish line.

"It's all about keeping the feet moving and the pedals pushing round before I get back to St Mary's."

Franny was given a terrific welcome at Cancer Research UK's headquarters in Angel, during the run from Arsenal to Chelsea.

"I was blown away by the reception," he said, after donning a white laboratory coat, along with several fellow runners, including some from Cancer Research UK.

"I knew we'd be passing the building but to get that welcome was amazing. It's an inspiring place, the people here and the incredible work they do inspired me to take on this challenge.

"But it needs funding. They rely on the public's generosity because there's no government funding.

"So hopefully my efforts will help because we all want a cure for cancer."

You can support Franny by donating to justgiving.com/fundraising/benalisbigrace

Matt Le Tissier, and Franny meet Spurs legend Gary Mabbutt at White Hart Lane.

Franny arrives at Loftus Road, home of QPR.

Bath time in the cup

BECKI Bath starred as Southampton Saints Girls & Ladies progressed to the fourth qualifying round of the Women's FA Cup.

She scored four times and provided two assists as the Premier League SW side blitzed Down End Flyers 8-2 at Sholing's Silverlake Arena.

Abbie Benstead struck a hat-trick as Southampton Saints Reserves were thrashed 6-0 by their Tottenham Hotspur counterparts.

In the Southern Region Women's Premier, Winchester Flyers romped to a 10-1 win at Team Solent.

Thornton bagged a hat trick and there were braces for Chaffey and Norman.

SRWFL side Southampton Women defeated Fleet Town Ladies 5-1.

There were good wins in the Hampshire League's Invitation Cup for Eastleigh, Kingsclere, Southampton Women's Reserves, Bournemouth Electric.

In the only U16 Winchester Girls League West game, Southampton Saints regained top spot courtesy of victory at St Francis helped by four goals from Alex Collighan and three from Lisa Gilham.

Saints under-14s won 5-1 against Widbrook, taking the lead through Amy Watson after only three minutes.

Olivia Norton and Ava Berglin set up Eleanor Reid for two more goals.

After Widbrook had replied before the break, Olivia Norton scored twice in the second period - both from inswinging corners.

Southampton Saints U13s won 4-0 at Winchester Flyers.

Saintsmade the breakthrough near the end of the first half when Katie Pakes' shot was too hot to handle and Evie Sibley fired home the rebound.

In a five minute purple patch in the second half, Saints scored three further goals through Larnie Bisson and a Tilly Thomas double.

Saints' defence of Lillie Hansford in goal and Nicole Ryder, Kaylee Buckingham, Ruby Burnell, Mia Flood and Libby Mell were all impressive.

Rivals switch

Steve Bruce has been named as Aston Villa's new boss, having managed city rivals Birmingham for six years between 2001 and 2007 and also played for the St Andrew's club.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at some of the managers who have crossed the divide.

ALEX McLEISH

The Scot lasted just 11 months at Villa after his controversial switch from Birmingham. McLeish had just been relegated with Birmingham, despite winning the League Cup, when he joined Villa in the summer of 2011.

Owner Randy Lerner appointed McLeish, against advice from others at the club, and he won just nine of his 42 games before being sacked. He had done a decent job in four years at St Andrew's, winning a cup and returning Birmingham to the Premier League in 2009, but he was doomed from the start at Villa.

Win percentage: Birmingham 36.90%, Aston Villa 21.43%.

Harry Redknapp.

GEORGE GRAHAM

He made over 200 appearances as a player for Arsenal and Graham became manager in 1986 to guide them to two league titles, an FA Cup, two League Cups and a Cup Winners Cup in nine years.

He was sacked under a cloud after allegations of accepting an illegal payment from an agent and, after a ban, he managed Leeds before moving to Tottenham without much success. A 1999 League Cup final win was as good as it got for Graham at White Hart Lane.

Win percentage: Arsenal 49.02%, Tottenham 39.68%.

HARRY REDKNAPP

The 69-year-old left Portsmouth to join Southampton in December 2004, only to be relegated with the Saints and return to Fratton Park a year later.

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Let's salute our

By Adam **Leitch**

Smilng throuth the pain barrier - Francis Benali 'relaxes' in an ice bath art the end of a day's running and cycling.

It's hard to put into words just what Francis Benali will have achieved when he arrives at St Mary's on Sunday for the end of his latest big challenge.

Not anywhere near as hard as actually doing it, but to really capture the essence of what he has put himself through is a difficult task.

Adam Rant was asked to write about it from his own perspective as an endurance athlete.

My poison of choice is long distance triathlon, having completed four full Ironman races. For those who don't know, an Ironman is a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike and then a 26.2 mile marathon run.

It's a big day, of course, but a different beast.

It is different to what Franny is doing because you are in a race, and so you are pushing yourself to the limit of what you think you can do to finish as quickly as you can for the best result.

That in itself, in isolation, is more fatiguing than working at an 'easier' intensity.

However, the thing about an Ironman, long day though it may be, is that you still get up in the morning, albeit at 3am, and still go to bed late at night.

Then you wake up the next morning - if you have been able to sleep - hobble around in discomfort and start to recover and reflect on what you have achieved.

For Franny there has been no such luxury.

He has had to get up every morning for the last fortnight and do the same thing all over again – run a marathon and cycle around 70 miles on his bike.

What it is maybe hard for people to understand is that once you have built the base of fitness necessary for a challenge like this, it isn't actually a physical barrier that stands in your way the majority of the time, injury aside.

Actually you know you can get through it, especially when you have time frames that can be moveable.

It is the mental barriers that need to be overcome that pose the biggest hurdle.

This is the world of endurance sport, this is the key to it, and this is what attracts people to it and gets them hooked.

In the world we currently occupy, there aren't that many of us that truly test ourselves. Most of us are fairly comfortable in our existence.

We aren't worried about surviving day-to-day. We have a warm home, food on the table, a job, clothes to wear, broadband and TV, a mobile phone, we can go holiday every so often.

Life can be gruelling in a 24-7 world, but it is isn't about pure survival.

Wind back many years ago and we evolved hunting for our food, living in the wild. That was hard.

Even a couple of hundred years ago we didn't have modern creature comforts, or the standards of medicine or living we enjoy now. That was hard.

Nowadays those sort of challenges don't exist. Endurance sports are a way to really feel alive, even if for just a fleeting day, or week or fortnight, to test our limits, still safe in the knowledge we have the niceties to eventually come back to.

It's the mindset to want to do this that sets endurance athletes on the path to achieving whatever they choose.

For some the motivation is purely charity, for the vast majority there is another driving factor at work.

They say every endurance athlete is running from something. It's amazing when you step out of

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own SuperFran!

Clockwise - Benali leaving Bournemouth's Dean Court, on his bike in Cardiff, and with son Luke in Blackburn on a road named after his former Saints colleague Alan Shearer.

Smile please! Benali obliges for a selife outside Everton's Goodison Park.

the obsession, even briefly, how quickly you realise that is true.

It is also the reason that it is so hard to leave it alone.

Franny has set himself a monumental fundraising target as a goal at the end of his challenge, and to get up every morning knowing what lay ahead and to mentally be able to push himself through it is, for Adam Rant at least, the most impressive part of this monumental task.

People often ask me about how hard the day is when I do an Ironman. The answer is fairly obvious – it is very hard.

It hurts. It hurts a lot.

When you hear women saying it is more painful than when they gave birth, you know it is serious.

But, to be honest, the pain of the day comes and goes. It feels excruciating at the time, especially in the second half of the run when your legs begin to stiffen.

That pain is over relatively quickly, though. You can get to the end. You ask yourself 'I am in pain, but can I physically keep running?' Inevitably the answer is 'yes' and therefore you know it is only your mind holding you back. The key then is to override your brain.

You experience this for a matter of hours in an Ironman. Franny must have felt this every day for a fortnight.

From a physiological point of view, at least Franny had time on the bike to flush out his legs after the run each day, unlike the first time round where he just kept running and running. It's hard to imagine it helped that much mentally, though.

Truly what makes this challenge so amazing is not even the fortnight.

It's not the bit people see.

For every endurance athlete knows the event is the pay-off.

It is the hard work building up to it. The early morning training, the late night training, the sacrifices of nights out, of spending time with your family and friends, of living a sensible and healthy life.

It's the unseen miles. It's the pain you go through every single day of your life for months on end in training to get this fit.

It's all that which really hurts. The event is the icing on the cake. It's the nice bit in many ways.

Knowing what Franny must have put himself through to prepare for this over so many months, that is where, amongst endurance athletes at least, the real respect is earned.

This Sunday it is all over.

Franny returns to St Mary's to wrap up the challenge and take a well-deserved bow in front of the crowds.

How many people can really comprehend what he is achieved is hard to know.

What Adam Rant can say for sure is that anybody who has ever attempted any kind of endurance sport will know what this has taken and will whole-heartedly applaud another incredible effort.

Franny, we salute you.

Rivals switch

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His first spell at Fratton Park saw Pompey win promotion to the Premier League in 2003 with Paul Merson and Yakubu Ayegbeni leading the way and he kept them up before quitting and moving to Saints weeks later, but could not save them from the drop in 2005.

He managed just 49 games at Saints before walking out after being approached about a Pompey return and led them to the FA Cup in 2008 before leaving for Tottenham as Portsmouth slipped down the leagues.

Win percentage: Portsmouth 44.53%, Southampton 26.53%.

DANNY WILSON

There were 11 years between Wilson's spells in Sheffield after he was appointed by United in 2011. He failed to win them promotion, losing the Sky Bet League One play-off final to Huddersfield in 2012 having been beaten to automatic promotion by city rivals Wednesday, and left in 2013.

Sam Allardyce.

A former Wednesday player, Wilson was never universally popular at Bramall Lane having also managed the Owls between 1998 and 2000, being sacked with the Owls on the brink of relegation from the Premier League, where they are yet to return.

Win percentage: Sheffield Wednesday 28.75%, Sheffield United 51.89%

SAM ALLARDYCE

Allardyce's reign as Newcastle manager was short but still longer than his 67 days as England boss. He lasted 239 days at St James' Park after being appointed in May 2007 but won just eight of his 24 games in charge and was dismissed in January 2008. Seven-and-a-half years later Sunderland called on him to save their Premier League skins.

Win percentage: Newcastle 33.33%, Sunderland 29.03%.

Jess praised on twitter

How Twitter reacted to the news of Jessica Ennis-Hill's retirement from athletics.

"You have brought much joy to athletics fans around the world and inspired a generation of girls to follow their dreams." former Olympic heptathlon gold medallist Denise Lewis (@RealDeniseLewis).

"As her MP, I wish @J_Ennis happy retirement. She's been an extraordinary role model for athletes, especially girls & women, around the world," Sheffield Hallam MP Nick Clegg (@nick_clegg).

"Proud of ya @J_Ennis .. Unbelievable career and a fantastic role model for everyone .. #SheffieldSteel," former England cricket captain Michael Vaughan (@MichaelVaughan).

"An incredible athlete & role model to many. #RoleModel," Mark Sampson (@Mark_Sampson), manager

Jessica Ennis-Hill

of the England women's football team.

"You're an inspiration to everyone young and old @J_Ennis. It's been a pleasure to be one of your team mates." long jumper Greg Rutherford (@GregJRutherford).

"Happy retirement. You've left an eternal legacy, inspired millions & captured the nations heart. An exceptional woman. #hero," hockey player Kate Richardson-Walsh (@katewalsh11).

"It's sad to hear that @J_Ennis has retired before @London2017. She has achieved the pinnacle of sport & is a fabulous role model." former heptathlete Kelly Sotherton (@KellySotherton).

"One of the true greats of our sport ... One of life's winners X," former sprinter Iwan Thomas (@Iwanrunner).

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Franny's feat

Peter **Howard**

SAINTS legend Franny Benali is about to complete another super-human feat of endurance.

Benali, who is aiming to eventually raise £1m for Cancer Research UK, has run a marathon and cycled around 50 miles a day for the last two weeks during his latest challenge, named Benali's Big Race.

He will have visited all 44 Premier League and Championship grounds once he arrives at the finishing line at St Mary's as Saints welcome Burnley in the Premier League today.

Here, the Sports Pink, charts his incredible journey and who he met along the way.

Francis Benali started his Big Race at Bournemouth on October 2 and is due to finish at Southampton's St Mary's Stadium on October 16

OCTOBER 2
8.15AM
AFC BOURNEMOUTH
Ex-Saint Drew Surman met Franny as he began his epic challenge by heading to Bristol from the Vitality Stadium.

4.15PM
BRISTOL CITY
Benali arrives at the second club of his extraordinary event and leaves with his son, Luke, by his side.

OCTOBER 3
1.45PM
CARDIFF CITY
Franny crosses the Severn Bridge and makes his way into Wales.
His first stop is Cardiff where he is greeted by fellow Saints legend Rickie Lambert.

5.45PM
SWANSEA CITY
Benali reaches his rest stop for day two, the Liberty Stadium, where ex-Saint Jack Cork is waiting to welcome him.

OCTOBER 5
BIRMINGHAM CITY
12.15PM
After a gruelling day running across Wales and back into England, which included a night stop in Worcester, Franny reaches Birmingham. Another Saints legend Matt Le Tiss links up with Franny to help him across one of the toughest legs. Le Tiss completes 13 miles, but Franny battles on for 87 more miles to reach St Andrews.

12.50PM
ASTON VILLA
Franny reaches his second club in Birmingham.

1.20PM
WEST BROMWICH ALBION
Baggies star Chris Brunt welcomes Franny to the Hawthorns as well as boxer Tommy Langford.

Francis Benali reaches Sunderland where he is met by Kevin Ball

2.20PM
WOLVES
Franny completes all four Birmingham clubs in the Championship and Premier League, arriving at the Molineux at 2.20pm.
Wolves star Richard Stearman and former player Jody Craddock are their to help him across the line.

4.40PM
STOKE CITY
Franny arrives at the bet365 Stadium where he is greeted by a man dressed as a hippopotamus – otherwise known as the Potters' mascot, Pottermus. Five grounds in one day. Incredible.

OCTOBER 6
10.30AM
MANCHESTER CITY
Franny starts day five with a trip to the Etihad Stadium.

Franny and former Saint Steve Moran in Hull

11.40AM
MANCHESTER UNITED
Benali is greeted by fans at Old Trafford. He doesn't hang around, though, and heads straight off to Liverpool.

2.50PM
LIVERPOOL
Adam Lallana, the former Saints player, is waiting for Franny as he reaches Anfield.
Before heading to Everton he lays flowers at the Hillsborough Memorial.

3.20PM
EVERTON
Franny is presented with a signed Everton shirt as he arrives at Goodison Park.
Benali's day isn't over yet as he heads off to Wigan Athletic's ground.

4.50PM
WIGAN ATHLETIC
Another club is ticked off the list.

6.20PM
PRESTON NORTH END
Franny finishes another epic day at Deepdale.

OCTOBER 7
8.50AM
BLACKBURN ROVERS
There's no better way to start the day than a trip to Ewood Park on a wet Friday morning. Although, Franny doesn't hang around for too long and, after the usual photographs, is off to his next stop in Burnley.

11.30AM
BURNLEY
Turf Moor is Franny's next stop. Former Claret Steve Davis joins him for a leg of the run into Burnley. Saints star Jay Rodriguez's father, who used to played for Burnley, welcomes Benali.

OCTOBER 8
12.30PM
NEWCASTLE UNITED
Prior to arriving at St James' Park Franny endures a gruelling day cycling over the Yorkshire Dales. 76 miles. 5,600ft climbed. Let that sink in. He rides into Newcastle before finally beginning to head south.

1.45PM
SUNDERLAND

PINK INK SAINTS

# of endurance

Franny meets former Saint James Beattie at Elland Road, Leeds.

Franny was joined by former saints skipper Dean Hammond, who ran the full marathon distance with him on Day 10 of his Big Race.

Former Sunderland player and now coach Kevin Ball greets Benali on arrival at the Stadium of Light.

4.15PM
MIDDLESBROUGH
Former Saints and Boro midfielder Neil Maddison waits at the Riverside Stadium for Franny. The former team-mates embrace as Benali finishes for the day ahead of the big push south to Hull.

OCTOBER 9
3.30PM
HULL CITY
After traversing the Yorkshire moors Franny arrives at the KCOM Stadium.

OCTOBER 10
11AM
LEEDS UNITED
EX-Saints players David Prutton, James Beattie and Ken Monkou were at Elland Road for Franny's arrival. Beattie Tweeted: "Delighted to see and support this amazing person! Truly an inspirational man. Come on people support Franny on this epic."

12.15PM
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
A quick pitstop at the Terriers.

2PM
BARNSLEY
The Tykes head coach Paul Heckingbottom is at Oakwell to welcome Franny.

3.15PM
ROTHERHAM UNITED
Franny arrivals in New York. Not that one. The New York Stadium, of course. He has time for a quick photo but is soon back on the road and heading for Sheffield.

4.10PM
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
Franny finishes another gruelling day Hillsborough.

OCTOBER 11
10.30AM
NOTTINGHAM FOREST
Benali is joined by yet another ex-Saint. This time Dean Hammond runs alongside him into the the City Ground.

Franny with Adam Lallana.

Outside West Brom's ground The Hawthorns

12.30PM
DERBY COUNTY
Former Saints midfielder Rory Delap is at Pride Park Stadium to cheer on Franny as he arrives at his second ground of the day.

2PM
BURTON ALBION
Albion boss Nigel Clough was at the Pirelli Stadium to welcome Benali. "Nigel is someone I have played against many years ago, during our careers," said Benali. "He was a wonderful striker, a great goalscorer and a difficult opponent to play against."

4.50PM
LEICESTER CITY
Franny arrives at the home of the Premier League champions where Dean Hammond is once again present alongside Benali as he reaches his final stop for the day.

OCTOBER 12
5.15PM
NORWICH CITY
Triple Paralympic medallist Jessica-Jane Applegate welcomes Franny to Carrow Road after a gruelling day crossing into Norfolk from Leicester.

OCTOBER 13
1.30PM
IPSWICH TOWN
Franny arrives at his only stop of the day at Portman Road before heading towards London for an epic day of nine clubs in one day.

OCTOBER 14
7.45AM
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
Spurs legend Gary Mabbutt is on hand at White Hart Lane to welcome Franny to his first stop of the day.

9.15AM
WEST HAM UNITED
Flanked by Matt Le Tiss, Franny arrives at the London Stadium and is greeted by Bobby Barnes, the deputy CEO of the PFA, and Fred Iron, who appeared on Channel 4's SAS Who Dares Wins programme.

10.45AM
ARSENAL
Franny stops by the Emirates Stadium before continuing his epic day in the capital.

12.30PM
CHELSEA
Joined by Sports Pink reporter Simon Walter, Franny arrives at Stamford Bridge.

1.20PM
FULHAM
Benali ticks off yet another club as he arrives at Craven Cottage.

2.30PM
QPR
Fran gets to Loftus Road and the sixth stop of the day. It's not over yet.

3.45PM
BRENTFORD
Another London club is ticked as Franny reaches Championship outfit Brentford.

5.15PM
WATFORD
Franny is welcome at Vicarage Road as he completes his London adventure for today, although his massive day isn't over just yet.

8PM
READING
Benali reaches the Madejski Stadium, his final stop of the day.

OCTOBER 15
2.15PM
CRYSTAL PALACE
Franny makes his way back across to London to Selhurst Park, before cutting a route into Sussex.

5.45PM
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
Franny heads to the Amex Stadium for his final stop before St Mary's.

OCTOBER 16
SOUTHAMPTON
3.40PM
Franny is set to be given a hero's welcome at St Mary's as Saints prepare to face Burnley. He'll be given a guard of honour as he runs across the finish line.

Back again!

Steve McClaren has returned to Derby just 17 months after he was sacked by the Championship club.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at some of the high-profile figures to have gone back to a place where they previously enjoyed success.

SIR MATT BUSBY

(Manchester United, Feb 1945-May 1969; Dec 1970-May 1971)

Although he never left Old Trafford, Busby's presence in the role of general manager saw him return as boss in place of Wilf McGuinness, who lasted little more than a year as Busby's initial successor.

KENNY DALGLISH

(Liverpool, May 1985-Feb 1991; Jan 2011-May 2012)

In 1985 the King of the Kop was named player-manager and he led the Reds to three league championships. His return, in January 2011 after Roy Hodgson's ill-fated spell, did not go as well and he lasted little more than a year.

Steve McClaren.

JOSE MOURINHO

(Chelsea, June 2004-Sept 2007; June 2013-December 2015)

Mourinho established Chelsea, in each of his spells, as England's top side. But the Portuguese completed just three full seasons in his first stint and two campaigns second time around.

WALTER SMITH

(Rangers, April 1991-May 1998; Jan 2007-May 2011)

Succeeded Graeme Souness as boss and won seven titles in his first spell before managing Everton and Scotland. His return saw three more titles, before he handed over control to Ally McCoist.

FABIO CAPELLO

(Real Madrid, Jul 1996-Jun 1997; Jul 2006-Jun 2007)

Italian Capello had two spells at the Bernabeu and won the Primera Division title on each occasion. Cont on page

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Tie is a stroll for the boss

WINCHESTER City have been drawn away in the second round of the Southern League Challenge Cup.

But for manager Ian Saunders, it will be more like a home game.

While his Citizens players must hit the road to Salisbury, Saunders himself can throw his kit bag over his shoulder and take a gentle stroll up the road to the Raymond McEnhill Stadium.

"On a personal note, I'm really pleased with the draw," smiled the Wiltshire-based army man.

"I live in Old Sarum and their ground is about 100 yards from my house.

"I often go over and watch Salisbury when they've got a game and we haven't, but sometimes I just listen from the back garden!"

Ian Saunders.

Winchester have already upset Steve Claridge's Whites 4-2 in the Southern One South & West this season and Saunders anticipates a highly competitive game on Tuesday, November 8.

"This'll be our cup final and we'll go for it," he said. "And I'm sure Salisbury will be out for a bit of revenge."

Hampshire's other cup survivors, Basingstoke Town and Fleet Town, have been drawn against each other.

Southern League Challenge Cup, second round draw: Aylesbury v St Neots Town, Barton Rovers v Potters Bar or Chesham, Basingstoke Town v Fleet Town, Bideford v Barnstaple, Biggleswade v Histon, Bishops Cleeve v Cinderford Town, Hayes & Yeading United v Uxbridge or Egham Town, Kidlington v Aylesbury or Wantage Town, North Leigh v Banbury, Northwood v Slough Town, Paulton v Weymouth, Royston v Chalfont St Peter, Salisbury v Winchester City, Shortwood v Larkhall, St Ives Town v Bedford, Stratford Town v Leamington.

Charles and Jelly step down from Alton roles

Michael Charles

FORMER AFC Totton striker Michael Charles has stepped down as manager of Sydenhams One outfit Alton.

Charles was appointed boss of the east Hampshire club in June last year having stopped playing midway through the previous season due to injury.

An Alton statement said: "It is with regret that our first team manager, Charlesy, has offered his resignation.

"He feels it is time to move on and we are grateful for all his efforts over the past two seasons and wish him all the best for the future.

"For the time being the club will be managed by Sean Hayes, assisted by Luke Wheeler.

"We are grateful for their immediate support and that of the players and coaches at the club in response to this new situation."

Ex-Farnborough favourite Charles, whose playing career has spanned the Conference (National League) through to the Ryman and Southern Leagues, works full-time in coaching and holds the UEFA B Licence.

His assistant Darryl Jelly has also left Alton.

Anyone interested in the Brewers' vacant manager's post is asked to send their details to contact@altontownfc.com

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Talented teen trio get Fawley firing

By Wendy Gee

Harrison Fay

WHAT Fawley AFC lose on the swings they gain on the roundabouts of being one of the Sydenhams Premier Division's non-paying clubs.

In a week when they lost centre-forward Dan Fry to leaders Moneyfields, it was a 17-year-old who fired them to victory at Alresford last week.

Match-winner Harrison Fay, a dual-signing from Southern League outfit Winchester City, was one of six teenagers in Fawley's travelling party.

Another, 19-year-old, goalkeeper Michael Edgar, turned in a man-of-the-match display – capped by a penalty save – while young Eastleigh loanee centre-back Charlie Daniel, also 17, competently filled in at right-back on his debut.

Considering their long list of injuries and unavailability, it was a minor miracle that Fawley pieced together one full squad last Saturday – let alone two!

But not only did their first team triumph at Alresford, their reserves also managed a 1-0 over Brockenhurst thanks to Adam Freeman's long-range strike.

Callum Tanner, Elliot Earl, Ben Bolton, Sam Longman, Mitch Hunt and experienced right-back Pete Keating are all on the long-term injury list, while Adam French, Dane Sayce and Kieran Roche all missed the Alresford trip too.

But thanks to a healthy pool of youth and reserve team players, Fawley are able to get by – albeit that continual changes in team selection inevitably bring inconsistent results. Chairman Kevin Mitchell admitted: "Clubs like us struggle for consistency because we can't put the same side out week in, week out.

"We're up to 33 (first-team) players used now and we've already had 11 different people playing centre-back.

"We'd love to put a decent side out, get a decent result and then put the same side out the following week but, with commitment being what it is at this level, it's not possible unless you've got players on contract.

"Lewis Ross played last week but he's away at university and Aaron Lucas works in Bristol and is not available for midweek games."

Mitchell added: "What this does do is give opportunities to other people.

"We've got a central midfielder, Dan Semmens, who'd played for four or five years in the reserves and was occasionally on the first-team bench.

But he's been in the first-team squad the whole of this year and has probably been our most consistent player.

"We've picked up some promising, young prospects and clubs like Eastleigh welcome their young players coming to us because they know they'll get experience."

EASTLEIGH 6 NORTH LEIGH 0

Bird on song for six-gun Spitfires

Wendy Gee

FA CUP
Fourth qualifying round

RYAN Bird was destroyer-in-chief as Eastleigh – non-League's last club standing in last season's FA Cup – bulldozed their way into this season's first round proper at the Silverlake Stadium this afternoon.

Southern One South & West visitors North Leigh may hold a special place in Spitfires chairman Stewart Donald's heart, but there was no mercy shown with Bird grabbing four goals in a ruthless 6-0 demolition job by the National League hosts.

In the absence of injured centre-backs Adam Dugdale and Connor Essam, skipper Ryan Cresswell returned from calf problems to partner Reda Johnson – back from a one-match suspension – at the heart of the Eastleigh defence.

Manager Ronnie Moore went with a strong looking starting XI to face a North Leigh side from three leagues lower but, with Jake Howells also injured and several players cup-tied, teenage scholars Tom Bearwish and Jordan Beeke were drafted in to make up the seven permitted subs.

North Leigh seemed far from overawed early on and briefly looked more assured in possession than Eastleigh.

And it was the visitors who got the first shot away after six minutes – dangerman George Seacole blasting wide from Elliott Osborne-Ricketts' assist.

Mikael Mandron had a close-range effort blocked out for a corner as Eastleigh responded and in the 10th minute it was Spitfires who took the lead in stunning fashion.

North Leigh goalkeeper Connor Thompson came tearing out to try and solve a defensive mix-up in the visitors' right-back berth. And with the net unguarded Ryan Bird, stationed close to the by-line outside the area, miraculously curled into far corner from the tightest of angles.

Aside from an Aaron Woodley cross that almost found Seacole's head, it was suddenly all Eastleigh, but the scored remained 1-0 with half-hour gone despite chances for Cresswell, Mandron, Andy Drury and Coulson.

Eastleigh's Jai Reason and Joe Partington.

But the inevitable second goal finally arrived on 32 minutes with Bird again the scorer. This time the former Portsmouth man slid in ahead of the keeper to bury Mandron's delivery following a good build-up down the left.

Bird came within inches of reaching Michael Green's cross to complete a first-half hat-trick and, with North Leigh struggling to contain the rampant home side, 'keeper Thompson did well to repel Mandron's close-range blast before the giant figure of Johnson headed onto the top netting.

The Spitfires remained greedy for more and it was another stunner – a delicious stoppage-time chip by Andy Drury over Thomson from Jai Reason's pin-point delivery – that sent Moore's men in 3-0 up and cruising.

Half-time: Eastleigh 3 North Leigh 0

With the tie seemingly in the bag, Johnson – precariously sat on four bookings – was withdrawn, Joe Partington moved into central defence and sub David Pipe slipped in at right-back.

Come the 54th minute Eastleigh were four goals to the good as 6ft 4in marksman BIRD completed his hat-trick.

Reason again provided the assist, this time slipping a short pass to the No26's feet. The big man did the rest, bending the ball past Thompson with a confident right-foot strike.

Mandron should have been the next to capitalise on Reason's vision, but fired straight at Thompson, before Coulson curled one just past the post.

North Leigh's afternoon took another turn for the worse just before the hour mark, however, when Eric Odhiambo – already booked – stupidly wrestled Reason to earn a second yellow card and reduce his struggling side to ten men.

Having warded off further damage with a couple of goalline clearances, the outnumbered visitors slipped further into arrears on 68 minutes and – guess who – it was that man Bird again.

Coulson drove in a cross from the right which was too hot for Thompson to tame and Bird knocked in the loose ball.

Bird went off to a hero's reception on 72 minutes, but still Eastleigh kept extending their lead with Coulson again the supplier as sub James Constable got in on the scoring act for 6-0.

Fellow sub Scott Wilson, back after injury, was denied by Thompson who was soon turning away Coulson's goalbound free-kick.

With three minutes of normal time Eastleigh keeper Ryan Clarke got a rare taste of the action, parrying a shot by sub James Murphy who sent his second effort over.

Eastleigh: Ryan Clarke, Joe Partington, Michael Green, Andy Drury, Ryan Cresswell, Reda Johnson (David Pipe, 46), Luke Coulson, Jason Taylor, Ryan Bird (Scott Wilson, 72), Mikael Mandron (James Constable, 61), Jai Reason. Subs (not used): Ryan Huddart, Adam Dawson, Tom Bearwish, Jordan Beeke.
North Leigh: Connor Thompson, Jon Else, Michael Hopkins, Wayne Turk (James Murphy, 72), Stuart Hole, Dan James, Eric Odhiambo, Elliot Osborne-Ricketts (Roger James, 46), George Seacole (Morgan Williams, 75), Lance Williams, Aaron Woodley. Subs: Richard Platt, Matt Woodley, Jamie Cook, Callum McNish.
Referee: Richard Hulme
Attendance: 889

Winchester score third win in a row

Evo-Stik Southern League Division One South & West
Winchester 3 Didcot 1

WINCHESTER made it three league wins in a row when they defeated Didcot 3-1.

Winchester went into the match trying to avenge a 4-0 defeat at the hand of Didcot earlier in the season.

They fell behind in the fifth minute when an effort from Jordi Mulvany looped into the net.

The nearest they came to scoring was when Sam Wilson had a shot that went into the side netting.

At the other end Jordan Graham shot wide and on a couple of occasions Winchester defenders intercepted to cut out crosses.

Goal-scorer Craig Feeney.

However, the game turned on its head in the final three minutes of the half. Firstly in the 42nd minute, a cross from the right was converted by Howard Neighbour and two minutes later Bedwell in the Didcot goal could not hold onto an effort from Sam Wilson and Andrew Jenkinson followed up to score.

Half-time: Winchester City 2 Didcot 1

Substitute Craig Feeney clinched victory in the 86th minute when he found himself clean through and made no mistake.

Earlier in the half Sam Wilson hit the post for Winchester while Lewis Noice made an important save to deny Jordan Graham.

Both goal keepers had routine saves to make in the second-half but it was a good result for Winchester, who are due to travel to Shortwood on Tuesday.

A safe pair of hands

FORMER Eastleigh goalkeeper Ross Flitney kept a clean sheet on his Whitehawk debut last weekend.

Richard Hill, the Hawks' ex-Spitfires boss, threw him straight in for the National League South assignment at Bishop's Stortford which resulted in a 3-0 win for the Sussex visitors.

Flitney, who lost his No1 spot at Eastleigh when they signed Ryan Clarke from AFC Wimbledon, is among friends at The Enclosed Ground.

Aside from Hill, he has been reunited with ex-Spitfires Ben Strevens, Dan Harding, Paul Reid, Glen Southam and Reece Connolly along the south coast, plus young Eastleigh loanees Jack Masterton and Tony Lee.

The 32-year-old also has

Ross Flitney

ties to that part of Sussex having spent three games on loan with Brighton & Hove Albion from Fulham's reserves as a teenager almost 13 years ago.

Hill rated Flitney as the best goalkeeper outside the top four divisions, along with Barnet's Graham Stack, when they were part of Eastleigh's rise to the Conference National.

He told The Pink's Brighton-based sister paper *The Argus*: "Ross will be reliable for us. I know what to expect. He can communicate with his back four. He has just turned 32. He is still in his prime.

"Yes, he will make mistakes, all players do. But, over a season, he will win us football matches."

Hill added: "Even though we have two 'keepers who have done a good job, I couldn't miss out on an opportunity to bring Ross here."

Players bought in to game plan, says Killick

Sam Surridge.

TOM Killick attributed Poole Town's consummate away performance at Hampton & Richmond last Saturday to his players' willingness to buy into a hard-running, high-pressing game plan.

Poole harried their high-flying hosts out of their stride as Steve Devlin's penalty and a goal from AFC Bournemouth loan star Sam Surridge secured fifth spot in the National League South with a 2-0 win.

Killick had been wary of the threat posed by a side which had scored 29 goals in 12 league games prior to last Saturday.

"We know they're renowned as being one of the most incisive, attacking sides in the league," said the Dolphins boss.

"We wanted to make sure they didn't enjoy the game too much. We didn't want to allow them any time to play.

"If you are going to do that, it has to start from the front. The whole team must buy into it. There has to be a real work ethic, physicality and commitment to the process and we had that throughout the side."

Poole struck gold with their first real attack of the second half – Devlin fouled inside the area and stroking home the resultant penalty.

Surridge's introduction in place of Richard Gillespie gave Poole renewed attacking impetus and on 72 minutes the Cherries youngster wrapped things up with a composed finish.

Praising Surridge, Killick said: "He looked confident and sure of himself. He seems a really focused lad who is determined to make a career for himself."

Warren steps up to help Verwood

By Wendy Gee

EX-SAINTS, Bournemouth and Eastleigh midfielder Christer Warren has joined a new club – at the age of 42!

After spending time at Ringwood Town, he has stepped up a level to join Verwood Town's survival fight in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

After a spell with Saints between 1995 and 1997, Warren featured for the Cherries in the 1998 Auto Windscreens Shield final and made 127 appearances during three years at Dean Court.

Stays at QPR and Bristol Rovers followed before he dropped into non-League with Paul Doswell's Eastleigh in 2002.

Weymouth-born Warren had a stint as player-manager of Wimborne Town after turning out for Winchester City and Lymington & New Milton and later played French football for FC Boutonnais and US Melle.

His return to England saw him sign Wessex League forms for Christchurch in June last year while current Verwood boss Adie Arnold was the Priory manager.

Christer Warren

BASHLEY and Shaftesbury were the Sydenhams Wessex League's shining stars for September .

The pair won club-of-the-month award for their respective achievements in the Premier and First Divisions.

Shaftesbury, fresh up from the Dorset Premier League, reeled off three league wins during the month and upset Premier Division Fareham Town 5-1 in the FA Vase.

Bashley's September included a couple of impressive league wins and a miraculous 6-5 victory over National League outfit Aldershot Town in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup.

CAMERON Roach, son of Cherries Academy manager Joe, has been snapped up by Sydenhams Premier Division outfit Bemerton from Wiltshire neighbours Amesbury Town.

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Seven-goal match the best – Claridge

By Wendy Gee

STEVE Claridge reckons last week's exhilarating 4-3 FA Trophy win over fellow phoenix club Hereford will live long in Salisbury memories.

A rollercoaster preliminary round tie saw the Whites hit back from 2-1 down at half-time to book another tasty home tie against Evo-Stik Southern Premier outfit Chippenham Town in the first qualifying round on October 29.

Claridge marvelled: "That's got to be the best game at the Ray Mac since the new club was formed – and I can't think the old club had many better than that.

"They were all good goals but the fourth one was fantastic. Lewis Benson's through ball, Eddie Perrett's first touch with the outside of his foot, then the composed finish –they don't get much better than that."

Perrett's brace, coupled with singles from Sutton United loanee Tommy Wright and the ever prolific Justin Bennett, carried Salisbury through on an afternoon which, not for the first time this season, left Claridge mentally drained.

He laughed: "Blimey, I'm going to go back to playing. It has got to be easier than doing what I'm doing and it won't be so tiring. It's just bonkers!

"One thing's for sure – you're not going to get many 0-0 draws with us.

"I can't say the scoreline was a big surprise to me," added the manager.

Goal-scorer Tommy Wright

"The way we are set up is almost a throwback to the old days when you had teams saying 'you score and we'll score more.' "

But much as it was tastyfare for a bumper 1,225 Old Sarum crowd, Claridge would like to see some tighter defending in the future.

"I don't like conceding three or four goals a game and I want to get the basics of defending right," he said.

Claridge's Hereford counterpart Peter Beadle was distinctly unimpressed with the open nature of the game.

"It was not entertaining for me," he grumbled.

"Again we have shown an ineptitude to defend."

For Salisbury it was sweet revenge for last season's 3-1 aggregate defeat by the Bulls in the FA Vase semi-final.

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Matty wants to entertain

MATTY Holmes is keen to avoid "boring football" at Wimborne Town.

Even if it costs the Magpies the occasional defeat, the former Bournemouth and West Ham midfielder is advocating the passing game he grew up with.

Holmes, in his first season with the Southern One South & West club, insists attracting fans through the Cuthbury gate is just as important as winning.

"The thing I'm delighted with is the boys are playing some lovely football," he said. Win, lose or draw, I'm happy if we've played the kind of football which will attract people to watch us.

"It's the way I've been brought up and the same goes for my coaches Danny Holmes and Shane Traynor. We all believe in it and the players have adapted to it well.

Matty Holmes

"We will get beaten playing this way, but as long as we work hard and put on a good show, we'll have that all day.

"I don't want to sit there watching us hoof the ball – I get bored! I want to see attacking, exciting football where the boys are enjoying it, moving the ball and having a go.

"It takes a brave player to play that way. I think a lot of managers fear losing games but I've got no fear of losing games."

Having whipped AFC Totton 6-1 in the league already this season, Wimborne caused another Testwood Stadium upset on Tuesday as they pipped the Stags 2-1 in their FA Trophy preliminary round replay. A trip to Tiverton Town awaits in the first qualifying round on October 29.

Ex-White Bartlett takes the reins at Weston

Scott Bartlett

FORMER Salisbury City captain Scott Bartlett is the new manager of National League South outfit Weston-super-Mare.

The 37-year-old will combine the post with his job of running Forest Green Rovers' academy.

Bartlett has a short but impressive managerial CV having overseen four wins in five matches during two spells as caretaker boss of Forest Green.

His only defeat came in last season's National League play-off final against Grimsby at Wembley.

The Weston job became available when Ryan Northmore departed in the wake of the club's shock FA Cup loss to Division One South & West outfit North Leigh, who were due to visit Eastleigh today.

Bartlett's first game at the Weston helm pitted him in the opposite dugout to former Eastleigh skipper Daryl Mahon.

And it was McMahon's high-riding Ebbsfleet who came out on top 2-0 at the Woodspring Stadium thanks to Danny Kedwell and Darren McQueen.

● STEVE Brougham is back in Sydenhams Wessex League football as manager of East Cowes Vics.

The former Newport IoW and Brading Town boss has agreed to the take the helm of the floundering Division One side.

He replaces Luke Kerr who decided to stand down. Kerr will remain with the club as a coach and committee member.

Brougham's first game in charge ended in a 1-0 defeat away at fellow strugglers Pewsey Vale last Saturday.

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Artificial pitch 'no advantage' says club boss

Carl Poore.

THE new 3G pitch at The County Ground has been "no advantage" to Hamworthy United, according to boss Carl Poore.

The Hammers registered their first Sydenhams Wessex Premier win on the artificial surface when they outgunned Fareham Town 6-3 last Saturday.

As tenants of the Dorset Football Association, Hamworthy share the Blandford Close venue with a number of other users and can only train on Tuesdays due to advanced bookings.

"I don't think it has been a case of adjusting to the surface, but we have only had one training session on it so far as we have had games on Tuesdays," said Poore in the wake of the Fareham win.

"Teams coming to play us are in the same boat, they are coming into the unknown.

"It is no advantage to us at the moment."

Hamworthy's new signing Max Crow from New Milton Town marked his debut with two goals against Fareham, backed by Steve Smith (2), Steve Flynn and Matt Kemble.

"It was a great result, we played really well," said Poore.

"Max Crow was fantastic and it was a great debut with two goals and two assists.

"We have made a few new signings and it is going to take time for the squad to gel.

"But hopefully we can push on after this result."

Prize two 'are not going anywhere'

By Wendy Gee

Luke Stone.

BOSS Ollie Cherrett insisted this week that coveted pair Luke Stone and Chris Senior would be staying put with Christchurch.

Prolific marksman Stone was wanted by Sydenhams Premier outfit Bournemouth Poppies, while Priory captain Senior was the subject of an approach from Bashley.

But Cherrett was adamant the influential duo had assured him they had no plans to leave the Sydenhams One promotion hopefuls.

Stone bagged his ninth goal of the season to earn Christchurch a 1-0 win at Hythe last Saturday, while Senior donned the skipper's armband at Clayfields.

Cherrett, who presided over a third win in eight days on the Waterside, said: "Luke is very happy where he is. He is enjoying his football and that's a massive thing for him.

"He has told us he is not interested in going to Poppies. He is committed to us and we are overjoyed to keep him.

"He is a big part of what we do. He is an out-and-out goalscorer and we are going to need him and his goals if we are going to push up the table and get promoted.

"Luke is 100 per cent staying with us and is fully committed. We are looking forward to another good season with him leading our attack.

As for Senior, Cherrett explained: "Bashley lodged a seven-day approach and made him an offer. He has given me his word that he will be with us for the rest of the season.

"He is our captain and our leader. The lads appreciate everything he does, on and off the pitch, and he is staying as well."

Cherrett added: "We are looking to add to the squad if the right players become available. We are not looking to lose anybody and no players are looking to leave."

● WINCHESTER City Red Under-16s are still recruiting players. They are looking to add one or two to their City of Southampton Youth League (COSYL) Division 3 squad.

Anyone interested should contact Ryan Andress on 07891 245839 or email ryanandress@hotmail.co.uk

Winchester City U18s are also looking for players for both their COSYL and Hampshire Youth League squads. Call Mark on 07890 982161.

Lions boss quits club

JOHN Smith has quit as boss of Hampshire Premier League outfit Andover Lions.

The shock news came in the build-up to the Lions' recent clash against Bush Hill, which they lost 2-1.

Smith said he was leaving the post to take a break from football.

His assistant Iain Meechan also called it a day and it was left to secretary Chris Paris to take the reins.

Paris said: "We knew that we were up against it (ahead of the Bush Hill game) and the build-up wasn't ideal with John and Iain stepping down.

"They both did a great job for us and brought the first trophies to the team. We'd all like to thank them for what they've done and respect their decisions."

With Smith and Meechan at the helm, Lions clinched promotion to the HPL Premier Division last season having finished as champions of Division One.

Move right for Mehew

FOREST Green Rovers youngster Olly Mehew says swapping his dad's team for Steve Claridge's Salisbury was the right thing to do.

The 18-year-old recently joined Salisbury on a three-month loan from FGR having spent the start of the season at Mangotsfield United where his dad Dave, the former Bristol Rovers midfielder, manages.

Claridge spotted his potential when Salisbury met the Mangos in the Southern One South & West and the pacy attacker has already made his mark, plundering a hat-trick in the Whites' amazing 10-0 drubbing of Dorchester Town in the Southern League Challenge Cup.

"I played at Mangotsfield because my dad is manager there. It's good and bad with dad, but Salisbury's a bigger club," said the Yate-based youngster.

"Hopefully if it goes well, I'll stay – unless Forest Green call me back."

Mehew added another couple of goals to his Whites collection on Tuesday as Salisbury triumphed 8-0 over 10-man Pewsey Vale in the Wiltshire Senior Cup.

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Chairman adamant players will not be paid

LOSING frontman Dan Fry to lofty Sydenhams Premier rivals Moneyfields will not change Fawley AFC's policy on paying players.

The Long Lane club do not have the finances to pay their team and, even if they did, they wouldn't do it.

"What Moneyfields offered Dan, he couldn't turn down, We accept that," said Oilers chairman Kevin Mitchell.

"It's happened in the past and it will no doubt happen again. There's not much we can do. It's always the issue we'll have.

"But the last thing we'd do, even if we were on a better financial footing, is pay players.

"If you pay one, you've got to pay them all."

Fawley's policy is not for everyone and Mitchell is shocked by what some Wessex clubs are splashing out.

"The amounts I hear people being paid at this level are staggering," he said.

"I can understand it in the higher leagues with the travelling and so on, but I don't understand it at Wessex level.

"We will carry on the same way we always have."

Fry, whose brother Aaron is part of the management team at Fawley, has had a mixed first week in a Moneyfields shirt.

The Portsmouth outfit were well beaten 3-0 at Portland United last Saturday, but bounced back with a 1-0 midweek win at Fareham that took them top of the Sydenhams standings.

Speaking after signing Fry, Moneys boss Dave Carter said: "He is a big, strong centre-forward who has scored a number of goals. He is good in the air and holds the ball up well."

Johnston back to a Waterside beat

By Wendy Gee

SCOTT Johnston is back on the Waterside beat after parting company with Hythe & Dibden.

He is now stationed just down the road with Sydenhams Premier Division outfit Fawley AFC.

After four years juggling managerial and secretarial duties at Hythe, Johnston made his exit following the arrival of Shawn Kitcher from Totton & Eling.

Hythe chief Dave Cox professed himself "gutted" to see Johnston go, but the Clayfields club's loss is very much Fawley's gain according to Oilers chairman Kevin Mitchell.

"Scott's a football man through and through and will be involved in the day-to-day running of the club, assisting our joint managers Darren Sayer and Aaron Fry," Mitchell explained.

"He's already brought a bit of an ethos here in terms of commitment and I think we saw that on Saturday at Alresford (a 1-0 Sydenhams Premier win)."

Johnston has brought in some extra coaching help from former Hythe boss Lee Burch, who was appointed manager of Millwall Lionesses during the summer.

"Scott was able to get Lee here to do a training session on the Wednesday before the Alresford game and all these things contribute," said Mitchell.

"Scott's part of the management team. He's not here to replace anyone, but we welcome all the additional help we can get.

"Lee has offered to do some coaching and we've got one or two other local people who have offered to help out too.

"We want Fawley to be a place where people socialise and play football together.

"Every year we want to improve on the field and, also, off it in terms of training, facilities, etc."

While Fawley pride themselves on being a friendly, community club, they are deadly serious about retaining their Sydenhams top-flight status.

"We want to offer football to the local community with the first priority being to survive at Wessex Premier level," said the chairman. "Division One is probably as strong as it's ever been. It's three up, three down now, so our proverbial third-to-bottom finish won't be any good to us anymore.

"We need to offer the highest standard of football we can."

Johnston admitted he would always "have a place for Hythe in my heart."

He said: "I've made good friends there and created some of the best football memories I have. I'm lucky to have learned so much under Lee Burch in the first two years and then been given a chance to put that into practice.

"Working with Dave Cox was a pleasure and I've picked up good habits on running a local team.

"Dave's a top chairman and deserves success one day."

Fawley's co-boss Aaron Fry, chairman Kevin Mitchell and new arrival Scott Johnston.

NON LEAGUE FIXTURES

Monday, October 17

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier: Hitchin v Cambridge City.

Division One South & West: Bideford v Larkhall.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

SWL Cup: Team Solent v Brockenhurst.

Tuesday, October 18

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Banbury v Chippenham, Basingstoke v Kings Langley, Cinderford v Cirencester, Dorchester v Frome, Kettering v St Neots, Redditch v Leamington, Stratford v Merthyr.

Division One South & West: North Leigh v Salisbury, Shortwood v Winchester City, Taunton v Paulton, Wimborne v Swindon Supermarine.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Hamworthy Utd.

SWL Cup, first round: Downton v Bournemouth Poppies; second round: Alton v Baffins Milton Rovers, Bashley v Fawley AFC.

Division One: Tadley Calleva v Pewsey Vale.

RUSSELL COTES CUP

First round: AFC Stoneham v QK Southampton, Folland Sports v Romsey Town, Hamble Club v AFC Totton, Moneyfields v Lymington Town, Petersfield Town v Eversley & California, Sholing v New Milton Town.

PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP

Fleetlands v Fareham Town (at Fareham).

SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP

Amesbury Town v Laverstock & Ford.

ANDOVER OPEN CUP

First round: Over Wallop v Andover Lions.

Wednesday, October 19

RUSSELL COTES CUP

First round: Andover New Street v Bemerton HH, Christchurch v Bush Hill, Whitchurch v Winchester Castle.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

SWL Cup, first round: Verwood v Alresford Town.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Premier Division: Locks Heath v Hedge End Rangers.

Saturday, October 22

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boreham Wood v North Ferriby, Dagenham & Redbridge v Macclesfield, Dover v Braintree, Forest Green v Guiseley, Lincoln v Eastleigh, Maidstone v Gateshead, Solihull Moors v Tranmere, Southport v Sutton, Torquay v Aldershot, Woking v Barrow, Wrexham v Bromley, York v Chester.

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Bath City v Dartford, Bishops Stortford v St Albans, Chelmsford v Hemel Hempstead, East Thurrock v Ebbsfleet, Gosport v Wealdstone, Hampton & RB v Maidenhead, Hungerford v Poole, Margate v Concord, Oxford City v Weston-super-Mare, Truro v Eastbourne, Welling v Whitehawk.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Banbury v Frome, Basingstoke v Slough, Cambridge City v Kings Langley, Cinderford v Chesham, Dorchester v Redditch, Dunstable v Chippenham, Hayes & Yeading v Cirencester, Hitchin v St Ives, Kettering v Weymouth, Merthyr v Biggleswade, St Neots v Leamington, Stratford v Kings Lynn.

Division One South & West: AFC Totton v Slimbridge, Bideford v Paulton, Bishops Cleeve v Yate, Bridgwater v Swindon Supermarine, Evesham v Larkhall, Hereford v Didcot, Mangotsfield v Shortwood, North Leigh v Tiverton, Salisbury v Barnstaple, Taunton v Winchester City, Wantage v Wimborne.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Fareham Town, Bashley v Verwood, Brockenhurst v Whitchurch, Cowes Sports v Lymington Town, Moneyfields v Hamworthy Utd, Newport IoW v Fawley.

Division One: Christchurch v East Cowes Vics, Folland Sports v Pewsey Vale, Hamble Club v Tadley Calleva, Hythe & Dibden v Baffins Milton Rovers, Ringwood v Laverstock & Ford, Totton & Eling v Andover New Street, US Portsmouth v New Milton, Weymouth Res v Fleet Spurs.

FA VASE

First round proper: AFC Stoneham v Shaftesbury, Alresford Town v Lingfield, Alton v Corinthian, Amesbury Town v Brimscombe & Thrupp, Bemerton HH v Plymouth Parkway, Bournemouth Poppies v Melksham, Fairford Town v Andover Town, Helston Athletic v Team Solent, Horsham YMCA v Horndean, Romsey Town v Portland Utd, Sholing v Buckland Athletic, Street v Blackfield & Langley.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Premier Division: Colden Common v Liss, Hayling Utd v Bush Hill, Overton v Liphook, QK Southampton v Locks Heath, Stockbridge v Fleetlands, Winchester Castle v Clanfield.

Division One: Lyndhurst v Four Marks, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Upham, Sway v Netley Central Sports.

Combination: Bush Hill v Hayling, Clanfield v Michelmersh, Fleetlands v AFC Petersfield, Four Marks v Winchester Castle, Headley v Overton, Paulsgrove v QK Southampton.

PEHPL League Cup, second round: Hedge End Rangers v Infinity, South Wonston Swifts v Andover Lions.

ALDERSHOT INTERMEDIATE CUP

First round: AFC Petersfioeld v Ropley; Second round: Liphook Res v Bagshot Res, Wey Valley v Headley Utd.

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Returning managers

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KEVIN KEEGAN

(Newcastle, Feb 1992-Jan 1997; Jan 2008-Sept 2008)

The Magpies challenged Manchester United all the way for the 1995/96 Premier League title, but Keegan's flamboyant team fell short. His return was less impressive.

OTTMAR HITZFELD

(Bayern Munich, Jul 1998-Jun 2004; Feb 2007-Jun 2008)

Two years after losing the Champions League final to Manchester United, Hitzfeld led Bayern to the 2001 European Cup. His second spell saw another domestic title before Jurgen Klinsmann took over.

HARRY REDKNAPP

Kevin Keegan.

(Portsmouth, Mar 2002-Nov 2004; Dec 2007-Oct 2008)

After leaving for arch-rivals Saints, Redknapp returned and won the 2008 FA Cup before departing for Tottenham, leaving the sinking ship that was Portsmouth.

HOWARD KENDALL

(Everton, Aug 1981-May 1987; Nov 1990-Dec 1993; Aug 1997-May 1998)

Had three spells in charge of the Toffees, leading them to two league titles, one FA Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup in the first.

STEVE COPPELL

(Crystal Palace, 1984-1993; 1995-1996; 1997-1998; 1999-2000)

Managed Palace on four occasions. A team featuring Ian Wright, Mark Bright and Geoff Thomas reached the 1990 FA Cup final, losing in a replay.

McManus on the hunt for first-team coach

Pat McManus.

PAT McManus is in need of a new right-hand man at Grigg Lane.

The Brockenhurst boss has been coping alone since his assistant Richard Morse left a couple of weeks back.

Ideally McManus is looking for someone who, first and foremost, scores high on coaching ability.

He said: "Richard (Morse) resigned because he's got a busy life.

"He's just got married and has a demanding job.

"I could do with getting someone new on board because I'm spreading myself at bit thinly on matchdays.

"As opposed to bringing in an assistant manager, I'm looking for a decent first-team coach."

One man McManus was hopeful of recruiting this week was midfielder Brad Magookin from Sydenhams Premier rivals Bemerton.

The former Cherries trainee spent two seasons at Brock before switching to Harlequins last year.

Brock told to add a touch of quality

By Wendy Gee

PAT McManus has been working hard to shed Brockenhurst's 'Jekyll & Hyde' tag.

But inconsistency still haunts the Grigg Lane outfit, albeit that they have started the Sydenhams Premier season well with five wins and four draws from their first 11 games.

The Badgers' split personality reared its head again last week when, during five days of fluctuating fortunes, they crashed 2-1 at lowly Bournemouth Poppies before knocking league leaders Blackfield off their perch with a 2-1 home win.

"It underlines that we've still got a side that can beat anyone – or lose to anyone. And that's what we're trying to get away from," said McManus.

"We need to introduce a bit more quality to the squad so there's more competition for places.

"Maybe one of the reasons for our inconsistency is that people haven't had to fight for a place because we haven't had enough bodies around."

Ronan Moore headed Brock in front against Blackfield and Matt Casey made it 2-0 at half-time, volleying home from outside the area.

The Watersiders halved the deficit when Sam Poole struck from a 79th-minute corner.

"We were really poor against Bournemouth and there were a few home truths spoken in the dressing room afterwards and this was the response I expected," McManus said.

"We underlined a few expectations before the game and that, coupled with a slight change in shape, worked for us.

"Blackfield haven't got many weaknesses, but we identified a couple and exploited them.

"We played well in the first half and could have extended our lead early in the second, but we didn't and the last half-hour was difficult. But we still created the odd chance. We hit the bar and so did they."

Overall, though, McManus was pleased with the response to the Bournemouth blip, particularly as Brock still had key players missing.

"We've had two weeks being really light on bodies," he said.

"Joe Chamberlain's been away for a fortnight and Will Tickle's missed four games through injury and suspension.

"We had a good XI against Blackfield but no senior players on the bench.

"When we went to Andover (a 2-2 draw on October 1) we had a lot missing through holidays, injury and suspension and had to sign on five people on the Friday.

"So to pick up a point when Andover are getting stronger was pleasing. Blackfield was another good result. Hopefully the players will realise now what they're capable of and stop under-achieving against teams they should be beating."

Brockenhurst's Matt Casey scored in the win against lofty Blackfield.

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Lavvy bosses 'uninterested' in league table

Russell Jones, centre

WHILE Hamble Club have been setting the pace in Sydenhams One this season, one team have been breathing down their necks all the way.

Laverstock & Ford went into today's round of fixtures sitting just three points adrift of the league leaders with a game in hand.

But after two impressive league victories on the road – a 4-1 success at Fleet Spurs followed by last Saturday's 5-0 romp at New Milton – joint managers Robbie Lakeman and Liam McConnell insist they are not interested in the league standings.

"To earn six points from two tough away games where we got nothing last season shows the steps we are making. The boys were professional as always," they said.

"We're just trying to achieve each objective we set ourselves. Despite results from teams around us, we have no interest in the league table at this moment in time."

Russell Jones's double led the way at New Milton, backed by Tom Mundy, Adam Jones and an own goal.

Jones was on the scoresheet once again in midweek as Lavvy breezed past Marlborough Town 3-0 in the Wiltshire Senior Cup. Archie Lovegrove and Rob Gallagher also notched.

Disability teams' lap of honour joy

Eastleigh's pan-disability players meet Ronnie Moore's first-team squad at the Silverlake Stadium.

THERE was a very special lap of honour at Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium last Saturday to salute the club's new pan-disability teams.

Eastleigh are working in partnership with Southampton FC's Saints Foundation to provide greater opportunities for people with disabilities to play and enjoy football.

A total of 30 teams and over 120 players were involved at a special launch day at St Mary's in early June. It was the culmination of the Saints Foundation's work with five local clubs - Eastleigh, Sholing, Fawley Falcons, Littleton and St Francis – to develop their own pan-disability teams.

"It's about showcasing their ability, not their disability," explained Saints Foundation ambassador Martin Sinclair.

Eastleigh's hot young midfield prospect Luke Coulson is proud to be the ambassador for the Spitfires' flourishing pan-disability programme.

"The community and the fans that support us are amazing and it is important that we, as a football club, do everything we can to support them in return," he said.

"The programme is designed to encourage and support everyone who wants to play the wonderful game and I hope that more people will come along, participate and share in what we're doing."

First-team manager Ronnie Moore added: "The community of Eastleigh is an essential part of our football club.

"With this in mind we are launching the new Hampshire Pan-Disability League for under-12s, under-16s and adults.

"I think this is a wonderful idea – fun, laughter and enjoyment."

One young player certainly enjoying being part of the Eastleigh family is Luke Brownlow who has mild cerebral palsy affecting his left side.

His mum Alison explained: "We stumbled upon an advert for a pan-disability session at Eastleigh FC. I was very nervous about how Luke would find it as he had never been involved with the 'disabled' word.

"I needn't have worried. From the minute Luke stepped onto the Astroturf, he belonged!

"At Eastleigh nobody cares what disability you have. Children are footballers and nothing else.

"They train hard, they develop their skills…but, most of all, they have fun!"

The new teams were introduced to a 2,209 Silverlake crowd prior to National League kick-off against Dagenham & Redbridge last weekend.

"The feedback we got from them was they felt like they were famous for the day especially when they did the lap of honour," smiled EFC's community officer Sharon King.

Sharon can be contacted at the club on 023 80 613361.

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Terras man 'unplayable'

MANAGER Jason Matthews labelled striker Ben Thomson "absolutely unplayable" following Weymouth's 3-0 midweek win over Basingstoke Town in the Southern Premier Division.

The Terras' hitman produced one of his most accomplished performances of the season, scoring the opening goal and netting the sponsors' man-of-the-match award.

Ex-Eastleigh goalkeeper Matthews was highly impressed.

"He was outstanding, head and shoulders above everyone on the pitch," he said. "He is one of the best forwards in the league when he is on his game and the fans saw that. He was absolutely unplayable and Basingstoke had no answer to him.

"He is the perfect foil for Yetts (Stewart Yetton), who got his opportunistic goal as usual."

Ben Thomson

Billy Lowes, who played for AFC Totton on loan from Poole Town, was the third Weymouth scorer.

Borough's history boys

HISTORY was re-written in front of a sparse crowd at Gosport Borough's Aerial Direct Stadium on Tuesday.

Borough's 19-1 Portsmouth Senior Cup demolition job on Widbrook was the biggest win in the club's history.

For 71 years a landslide 14-0 win over Cunliffe Owen in 1945 reigned supreme in the Gosport record books.

But Borough's class of 2016 now hold that honour after dismantling Portsmouth Saturday League outfit Widbrook.

On target were Warren Bentley (4), Dan Wooden (4), ex-Sholing man TJ Cuthbertson (3), Ollie Bailey (3), Sam Pearce (2), Brett Poate, Jamie Barron and Mike Carter.

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Inter Milan v English clubs in Europe

1955-58 Birmingham

Bizarrely, the first ever Inter-Cities Fairs Cup tournament took place over THREE seasons.

Drawn together in a three-team qualifying group - a Zagreb XI were the other side - Birmingham managed a 0-0 draw at the San Siro before winning the home leg 2-1.

Birmingham went on to reach the final, losing to Barcelona.

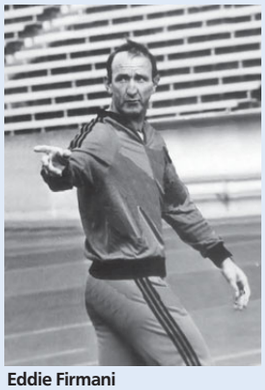
Yes, Birmingham City played Barcelona in a major European final!

Guess that will never happen again.

1960/61 Birmingham City

And imagine this - Inter lost both legs of their Inter Cities Fairs Cup semi final in 1961 when drawn against the Blues for a second time.

Goals from Jimmy Harris



Eddie Firmani

and Costanzo Balleri (og) put City 2-0 up in the San Siro, with Eddie Firmani grabbing a consolation.

Harris then netted a brace as Birmingham also won the second leg 2-1 at St Andrews.

Firmani, it's worth noting, scored over 200 senior goals in his career, which took in spells with Sampdoria and Genoa as well as three stints with Charlton and time at Southend.

He later managed Pele during his time with New York Cosmos.

1963-64 Everton

A goal from Brazilian Jair was enough for Inter to get past the European Cup preliminary round.

After a goalless stalemate in front of over 60,000 at Goodison Park, Jair's goal started Inter on the journey which would lead to the winning the European Cup for the first time.

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PINK INK SAINTS

Great history

By Simon **Carter**

SAINTS next Thursday step out into one of the great European sporting cathedrals - the San Siro.

A Europa League tie against former European champions Inter Milan promises to be one of the highlights of Saints' 2016/17 campaign.

Here, the Sports Pink turns the spotlight on the stadium and provides some other Inter facts.

The San Siro stadium was first used in September 1926 when Inter Milan beat AC Milan 6-3.

The stadium had taken 13 months to build and was privately built by funding from AC Milan's president at the time, Piero Pirelli.

Piero was one of the children of Giovanni Pirelli, who in 1872 had founded the Pirelli rubber company which grew to employ 55,00 people across Europe.

Because it was privately funded, the San Siro was not built with an athletics track around the pitch, which was common at publicly-funded football grounds.

The stadium was owned by AC Milan until it was sold to the city council in 1935.

To start with, only AC Milan used the ground - Inter played at the Arena Civica until finally moving in with their arch rivals in 1947.

The San Siro is one of the largest sporting stadiums in Europe in terms of capacity.

It can hold 81,277 - just a few more than Real Madrid's Bernabeu (81,044).

The only football grounds with a bigger capacity are Barcelona's Nou Camp (99,354), Wembley (90,000), the Stade de France (81,338) and Borussia Dortmund's Westfalenstadion (81,359).

Non football grounds with a larger capacity are Dublin's Croke Park (82,300) and Twickenham (82,000)

The San Siro first staged the European Cup final in 1965, when Inter won on home soil.

It also staged UEFA's showpiece occasion five years later, when Feyenoord beat Celtic 2-1 with Swedish striker Ove Kindvall netting a 116th minute extra time winner.

In the 20th century, two Champions League finals have taken place at the stadium.

In 2001, Bayern Munich beat Valencia on penalties and earlier this year Real Madrid won their eleventh European title with a penalty shoot-out win over cross city rivals Atletico Madrid.

The stadium is officially named after Giuseppe Meazza, who helped Italy win the World Cup in 1934 and 1938.

Meazza is one of Inter's most famous ever players, scoring almost 250 goals for the club in 365 games between 1927 and 1940.

He won the player of the tournament award at the 1934 World Cup, and briefly played for AC Milan in the 1940s.

Meazza scored 33 goals for his country in 55 appearances, and remains Italy's second highest ever international scorer (after Luiga Riva).

The San Siro hosted three games at the 1980 European Championships and also staged the opening

The San Siro when it was built in the 1920s.

Inter Milan fans let off flares during a game at the San Siro.

PINK INTER SAINTS

of the San Siro

The San Siro in the mid 1980s

The San Siro in the early 1960s, right, and in the late 1980s, left

game of the World Cup ten years later when Cameroon shocked holders Argentina despite having two men sent off.

The ground also staged a further five games in Italia 90 - all featuring eventual winners West Germany.

Ahead of Italia 90, the San Siro underwent major renovation work.

It became an all seated venue as an extra tier was added to three sides of the stadium, with 11 concrete towers built around the outside of the stadium.

Four of these concrete towers were being located at the corners to support a new roof featuring distinctive, protruding red girders.

The San Siro has often staged music concerts.

Bob Marley was the first to play there, in June 1980, in front of an all-time Italian record concert-going audience of 120,000.

At the time it was a European audience record for a music concert in an enclosed venue.

Four years later, Bob Dylan became the second singer to play at the San Siro and he was followed by the likes of Genesis, Paul Young, Duran Duran, Bruce Springsteen, Michael Jackson, The Rolling Stones, Red Hot Chili Peppers, U2, Robbie Williams, Madonna, Coldplay, Muse, Bon Jovi and - lest we forget - One Direction.

The Sani Siro has staged one rugby union international - Italy losing 20-6 to New Zealand in 2009 in front of 80,000, a record crowd for a rugby union game in Italy.

Inter's derby with AC is known in Italy as the 'derby della Madonnina'.

The name refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose statue atop the Milan Cathedral is one of the city's main attractions.

In 2004/05, a Champions League quarter final tie between Inter and AC was abandoned after a flare thrown by an Inter fan struck AC keeper Dida.

AC were winning 1-0 at the time in what was Inter's home tie - AC having won the first leg 2-0 - when the Brazilian keeper was hit on the shoulder by a burning flare.

Referee Markus Merk stopped the game and took the players off the field. When he eventually brought them back, he abandoned the game a minute after he had restarted it as Inter fans continued to throw flares into the AC penalty area.

UEFA awarded AC Milan a 3–0 win - a 5–0 aggregate success, therefore - and ordered Intern to play their next four European games behind closed doors.

On three occasions an Inter Milan player has been voted FIFA World Player of the Year.

German midfielder Lothar Matthaus was first to win it in 1991, followed by Brazilian striker Ronaldo in 1997 and 2002.

They are also the only two Inter players to have won the European Footballer of the Year award - Matthaus in 1990 (the year he helped West Germany win the World Cup in Italy) and Ronaldo seven years later.

Inter hold two Serie A records.

They have played in Seria A for 85 successive seasons, from 1929/30 to the current campaign.

They also hold the record for most successive wins - 17 in 2006/07.

Inter Milan v English clubs in Europe

1964-65 Liverpool

As mentioned elsewhere in this edition of the Sports Pink, Inter defeated the Reds 3-0 in the semi final of the European Cup en route to retaining the trophy.

1970/71 Newcastle

The Toon Army knocked Inter out of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup at the first round stage.

Wyn Davies scored in a 1-1 draw at the San Siro, and he was again on target in a 2-0 second leg success - Bobby Moncur also scoring.

1990/91 Aston Villa

Another European visit to Birmingham for Inter, and another defeat.

This time Aston Villa beat them 2-0 in the first leg of their UEFA Cup second

Jurgen Klinsmann.

round tie.

Dane Kent Neilsen opened the scoring before David Platt - one of England's heroes in the World Cup in Italy that year- made it 2-0.

Inter hit back to win the second leg 3-0 with goals from Jurgen Klinsmann, Nicola Berti and Alessandro Bianchi.

The Italians eventually went onto win the trophy that term.

1993/94 Norwich City

In the UEFA Cup second round, the Canaries had knocked out Bayern Munich, but found Inter a step too far.

Dennis Bergkamp's late penalty at Carrow Road in the first leg gave Inter the advantage.

It was his goal in the 88th minute at the San Siro that ended Norwich's hopes, with Osvaldo Bagnoli's side going on to win the trophy for the second time in the decade.

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Milan's glory,

By Simon Carter

SAINTS next week face a club who have won six major European honours.

Inter Milan lifted the European Cup twice in the early 1960s before Jose Mourinho's side won the Champions League in 2010 - the same year Saints also won silverware, albeit the Johnstone's Paint Trophy!

The Italian giants also won the UEFA Cup three times in the 1990s, with a stellar cast of names including Lothar Matthaus, Jurgen Klinsmann, Dennis Bergkamp, Ronaldo and Diego Simeone.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at Inter's glory, glory nights.

1963/64

Twelve months after AC Milan had won the European Cup, their city rivals Inter lifted the trophy for the first time.

Two goals from Sandro Mazzola - who only played for Inter throughout his 17-year career - and one from Aurelio Milani saw them defeat Real Madrid 3-1 in the final.

The Madrid team contained legends Ferenc Puskas and Alfredo di Stefano and had hammered Zurich 8-1 on aggregate in the last four.

Elsewhere in the semis, Inter - managed by Argentine born coach Helenio Herrera - had beaten Borussia Dortmund 4-1 on aggregate.

Goals from Italian internationals Mazzola and Mario Corsa gave them the first leg advantage in Germany.

Mazzola and Brazilian Jair helped Inter win the second leg 2-1 at the San Siro.

Mazzola ended the season as the joint top scorer in the tournament with seven goals.

1964/65

Inter won the European Cup for the second season running - but not without a huge scare in the semis.

Drawn away to Liverpool in the first leg, Inter were beaten 3-1.

Roger Hunt opened the scoring after only three minutes, but that man Sandro Mazzola quickly levelled.

Bill Shankly's men claimed the advantage, though, with further goals from Ian Callaghan and Ian St. John.

Inter wiped out that deficit inside the first ten minutes at the San Siro, through Mario Corsa and Joaquín Peiró.

Giacinto Facchetti made it 3-0 in the second half, sending Inter through to a final against Benfica.

The Portuguese giants boasted the two top scorers in the tournament - the legendary Eusébio and José Augusto Torres both having scored nine times en route to the final.

A single first half goal from Jair was enough for Inter to be crowned European champions for the second year running.

1990/91

Inter won the UEFA Cup for the first time, kickstarting a golden period in the competition for the club.

A side containing three prominent German internationals defeated fellow Serie A club Roma 2-1 on aggregate

Inter won the first leg 2-0 at the San Siro with goals from Lothar Matthäus - one of the stars of the previous year's World Cup in Italy - and Nicola Berti.

Saints fans with long memories might recall Berti later spending a season at Tottenham in 1998/99.

Current Wolves boss Walter Zenga was in goal for Inter, while

A panoramic view of the San Siro

Inter legend Dennis Bergkamp, in action for Arsenal

Inter Milan v English clubs in Europe

1994/95 Aston Villa

Inter didn't even make it past the first round when defending their trophy as their abysmal record in Birmingham continued.

Bergkamp kept up his terrific form against English opposition with a spot kick in the first leg.

Ray Houghton equalised on aggregate at Villa Park, before they won the penalty shoot-out 4-3, Ruben Sosa missing the all important attempt.

1998/99 Manchester United

Manchester United dispatched of Inter in the quarter-finals of the Champions League, as they marched towards a second European crown.

Dwight Yorke's first half double in the first leg at Old Trafford had the Red Devils in control of the tie.

Christian Vieri

Nicola Ventola gave United a scare, before Paul Scholes wrapped up the aggregate victory in the San Siro.

2001/02 Ipswich Town

Despite winning the first leg of their UEFA Cup third round tie with Inter, Ipswich couldn't hold on in Milan.

Stuart Armstrong's goal gave the Tractor Boys something to protect going into the second leg, but they were undone thanks to Christian Vieri's hat-trick and Mohammed Kallon's goal.

Armstrong's second of the tie was nothing more than a consolation.

2002/03 Newcastle

Inter ended their English hoodoo with a 4-1 thrashing of Newcastle to help them qualify from the Champions League second group stage.

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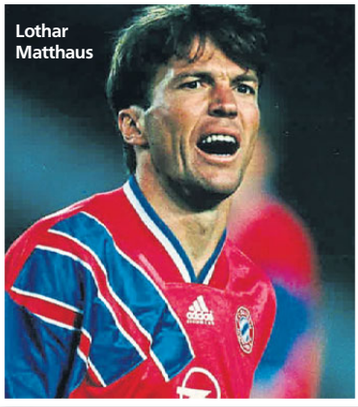
glory nights ...

Former Inter goal ace Ronaldo



Lothar Matthaus

Matthaus was joined in the side by two other members of the 1990 World Cup winning West Germany side - Andreas Brehme and Jurgen Klinsmann.

Boss of Inter at the time was Giovanni Trapattoni, who had previously won all three major European trophies - European Cup, European Cup Winners Cup and UEFA Cup - with Juventus.

1993/94

Inter won the UEFA Cup for the second time in four seasons, beating Salzburg 2-0 on aggregate in the final.

They won the first leg 1-0 in Austria with Nicola Berti scoring, while a goal from Dutch international striker Wim Jonk settled the second leg at the San Siro.

The most prominent member of Gianpiero Marini's Inter side was another Dutchman, the mercurial Dennis Bergkamp.

In his first season with Inter he was the tournament's top scorer in 1993/94 with eight goals, prior to going on to carve his name into Arsenal's Hall of Fame.

Walter Zenga was still in goal, while in defence was another Inter legend - defender Giuseppe Bergomi, who 12 years earlier had helped Italy win the World Cup at Espana 82.

Uruguayan striker Ruben Sosa was Inter's top scorer in both the 1992/93 and 1993/94 seasons.

1997/98

There were some famous names in the Inter side that won the UEFA Cup for the third time in the decade in 1998.

Most notably, Brazilian legend Ronaldo.

Signed from Barcelona for a world record £19.5m in the summer of 1997, the striker was on target as Inter beat fellow Italian club Lazio 3-0 in the UEFA Cup final in Paris.

Chilean international striker Ivan Zamorano had opened the scoring early on, with Argentine lgend Javier Zanetti - he won 143 caps for his country - adding a second before Ronaldo completed the scoring.

Zanetti's international colleague Diego Simeone was also in the winning Inter side - and a few weeks later, in the World Cup, he would get David Beckham sent off.

Youri Djorkaeff also played for Luigi Simoni's Inter in the UEFA Cup final, and he would go on and win the 1998 World Cup with France. Continued on page 22

Inter Milan v English clubs in Europe

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Goals from Domenico Morfeo, Matias Almeyda, Hernan Crespo and Alvaro Recoba helped Inter take an early lead in the group.

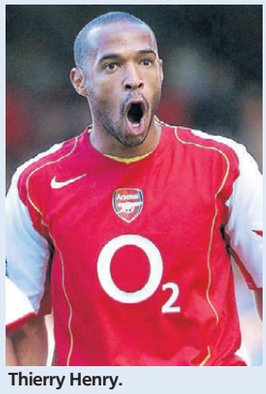
The teams drew 2-2 in Italy, Vieri and Ivan Cordoba scoring for Inter, Alan Shearer with Newcastle's goals.

2003/04 Arsenal

Both sides were humiliated on home soil as they traded heavy blows in the Champions League group stage.

Inter won 3-0 at Highbury with goals from Julio Cruz, Andy van der Meyde and Obafemi Martins.

Arsenal got revenge in the San Siro, winning 5-1. A brace from Thierry Henry along with goals from Freddie Ljungberg, Edu and Robert Pires saw Arsenal top the group and Inter drop into the UEFA Cup.



Thierry Henry.

2007/08 Liverpool

Dirk Kuyt and Steven Gerrard put Liverpool in cruise control of their Champions League last-16 match at Anfield.

Inter played an hour with ten men, after Marco Materazzi was sent off.

Nicolas Burdisso was on the receiving end of a red card in the second leg, before Fernando Torres secured the win.

2008/09 Manchester United

Inter were again knocked out of the Champions League at the round of 16 stage by an English club.

A 0-0 draw at the San Siro left the tie in the balance heading into the return leg.

Goals from Nemanja Vidic and Cristiano Ronaldo sent the reigning champions through.

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European victories

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2009/10

Inter won their third and final European Cup in Jose Mourinho's second season in charge.

Striker Diego Milito took his 2009/10 tally to 32 - in his first season at Inter after arriving from Genoa - with both goals in the 2-0 final win over Bayern Munich.

Milito had previously scored the final goal when Inter beat holders Barcelona (managed by Pep Guardiola) 3-0 in the first leg of their semi final in the San Siro, after Wesley Snejder and Maicon had put them in command.

Barca could only manage a 1-0 second leg win in the Nou Camp.

Other players to appear for Inter that season were Samuel Eto'o, ex-Pompey midfielder Sulley Muntari and Mario Balotelli.

The final win would prove to be Mourinho's last game in charge at Inter, and he

Jose Mourinho.

joined Real Madrid a few days later.

● In addition, Inter went on to win the 2010 World Cup Championship title in Abu Dhabi

They defeated African club TP Mazembe, from the Congo, 3-0 in the final with goals from Macedonian legend Goran Pandev, Samuel Eto'o and Jonathan Biabiany.

The latter is still at Inter, having returned in 2015 after four years with Parma.

Inter had beaten South Korean club Seongnam 3-0 in the semi finals with goals from Serbian Dejan Stankovi , Javier Zanetti - one of only 12 goals he would score for Inter in a 19-year career at the club spanning over 600 games - and the previous season's Champions League hero Diego Milito.

blob - Zanetti's 858 official matches for Inter puts him first in the club's all-time appearances list.

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Inter's highs ...

By Simon **Carter**

SAINTS have endured a roller coaster ride of emotions in the last decade.

Two relegations and two promotions in an eight-season run between 2005-2012 has been followed by three successive top ten Premier League finishes.

But next Thursday's Europa League rivals, Inter Milan, have had their own ups and downs.

Here, the Sports Pink charts Milan's recent history.

2005/06

Inter finished third - 15 points behind Juventus - but ended up being declared Serie A champions.

This is how ...

Juventus were one of the clubs caught up in 'Calciopoli', a scandal which rocked Italian football a few weeks after th 2005/06 season had finished.

The controversy was uncovered by Italian police and implicated other clubs including AC Milan, Fiorentina, Lazio, and Reggina when a number of illegal telephone interceptions showed a thick network of relations between team managers and referee organizations, being accused of rigging games by selecting favourable referees.

Sensationally, Juve - who had only lost one game all season and posted 91 points - were relegated to Serie B.

In a totally new-look league table, Lazio were moved from sixth to 16th and Fiorentina from fourth to ninth.

AC Milan, who had finished second - 12 points ahead of their arch rivals Inter - were pushed back to third place.

As a result, Roberto Mancini's Inter were declared champions.

Leading marksmen in the league for Inter were Argentine Julio Cruz (15) and Brazilian Adriano (12), while Portuguese legend Luis Figo added five from midfield.

2006/07

Inter were expected to retain the title, with Juventus down in the second tier and main rivals AC Milan, Fiorentina and Lazio all hit with points deductions for the roles in 'Calciopoli'.

Additionally, Mancini had strengthened his squad with the arrivals of Zlatan Ibrahimovic , Patrick Vieira and Brazilian defender Maicon.

Inter duly romped to the title with Ibrahimovic their top scorer with 15 goals.

Inter Milan fans unveil a giant banner at the San Siro before a derby with AC Milan.

Roberto Mancini

They won 30 of their 38 matches - including 17 in a row - and lost just one as they finished 18 points in front of runners-up Roma.

Argentine striker Hernán Crespo (14) and Italian international Marco Materazzi (10) were also regular goalscorers.

Mancini also guided Inter to the Supercoppa Italiana - Italy's version of the Community Shield - and to runners-up spot in the Coppa Italia (Italian Cup). They could progress no further than the round of 16 in the Champions League.

2007/08

Ibrahimovic again topped the Inter goal charts with 17 as they won Serie A for the third season running.

They were also beaten finalists in the Italian Super Cup and the Coppa Italia, and were knocked out of the Champions League in the round of 16 by Liverpool 3-0 on aggregate.

Mario Balotelli appeared for In-

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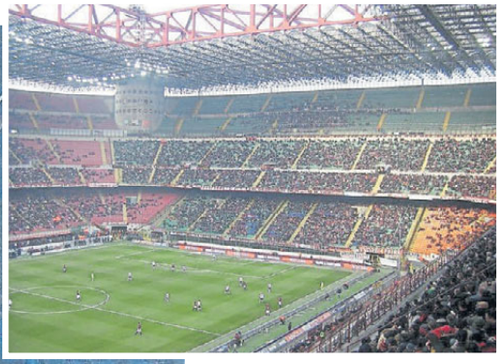
and recent lows



Inside the San Siro

ter for the first time this season, and scored three league goals.

Winning the title again was not enough for Mancini - he was sacked at the end of the season!

2008/09

Jose Mourinho's first season as Inter boss.

For the third season running, Ibrahimovic was Inter's top scorer in Serie A - this time with 25.

No one else in the Italian top flight scored more, and Inter's second top scorer was Balotelli with just eight.

For the fourth season running, Inter won the title - by ten points from Juventus.

And for the second season running, they were eliminated from the Champions League stage by an English club in the last 16 - Manchester United winning 2-0 on aggregate.

2009/10

Mourinho masterminded the greatest season in Inter's illustrious history.

They completed a historic treble of Serie A - for the fifth season running - Coppa Italia and Champions League. They were the first Italian club to pull that treble off.

Mourinho strengthened pre season when he brought in Argentine striker Diego Milito, Italian midfielder Thiago Motta and Brazilian centre half Lúcio.

Then, after Zlatan Ibrahimovic was allowed to sign for Barcelona, Mourinho went to the Nou Camp and signed Samuel Eto'o as a replacement.

Dutch international legend Wesley Sneijder followed soon afterwards from Real Madrid.

Milito was to end with 30 league and cup goals and Eto'o netted 16 times.

Balotelli was third top scorer with 11.

In Europe, Mourinho knocked former club Chelsea out at the round of 16 stage before beating CSKA Moscow and Barcelona prior to a 2-0 final win against Bayern Munich.

2010/11

Only five days after winning the Champions League, Mourinho left Inter to join Real Madrid.

To replace him, Rafael Benítez ended a six-year stint as Liverpool manager to pitch up at the San Siro.

One of the first things he did was to sell Balotelli to Manchester City, managed by the player's former Inter boss Mancini.

It was not a successful move for Benitez, who left by mutual consent in December 2010 - just a few days after winning the World Club Championship! - and replaced by Leonardo.

This was an incredibly controversial move, as Leonardo had previously played for and managed arch rivals AC Milan.

During Benitez's brief reign, Inter had two incredible Champions League group games against Tottenham, which helped push a former Saints academy product on the road to superstardom.

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Claudio Ranieri.

European victories

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● Inter have also finished runners-up in three major European competitions.

As well as winning six tournaments, they were European Cup finalists in 1967 and 1972 and beaten UEFA Cup finalists in 1997/98.

In 1966/67, Inter needed a play-off to beat CSKA Red Flag (now CSKA Sofia) after a pair of 1-1 draws in the semi finals.

With a third game needed in the neutral venue of Bologna, striker Renato Cappellini scored the only goal.

That sent Inter through the final in Lisbon, where they met Scottish League giants Celtic.

Famously, Celtic won 2-1 to become the first British club ever to win the European Cup.

Sandro Mazzola fired Inter into an early lead from the penalty spot, a lead they held until midway through the second period when Tommy Gemmell levelled.

Johan Cruyff

Steve Chalmers wrote his and his colleagues' names - as well as that of boss Jock Stein - into the pantheon of Scottish football with an 84th minute winner.

Inter reached the final again in 1971/72, but were outplayed in a 2-0 defeat to Dutch giants Ajax, Johan Cruyff scoring twice.

Inter suffered their third European final defeat in 1997 - and this time it was in front of their own fans.

They lost 4-2 on penalties to Schalke after the two-legged final had ended 1-1 on aggregate.

A goal from former Marc Wilmots had given Schalke the advantage in Germany.

There were only six minutes left of the second leg at the San Siro when Ivan Zamorano levelled matters overall.

Zamorano and Aron Winter subsequently missed their spot-kicks in the resulting shoot-out, though.

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Ex-Saint runs

By Simon Carter

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4-0 up at the San Siro at half-time in the first one, Inter eventually won 4-3 after ex-Saint Gareth Bale had struck a second half hat-trick.

Then, in the return at White Hart Lane, Bale produced a sensational performance on the wing - running Maicon absolutely ragged - to spark Tottenham's 3-1 victory.

Leonardo started well - knocking Bayern Munich out of the Champions League after losing the first leg at home - and picking up 33 points from 13 games.

But a 3-0 loss to AC, who went on to win the Serie A title, and a 7-3 Champions League quarter final elimination (including a 5-2 home loss) to Schalke virtually ended their season and Leonardo resigned after it had finished.

Eto'o was third top scorer in the league with 21 goals as Inter finished runners up, six points adrift of AC.

2011/12

A season featuring three managers and no trophies.

Milito struck 24 Serie A goals - including a late-season hat-trick in a 4-2 derby win over AC - but Inter could only finish sixth, losing an astonishing (for them) 14 league games on the way.

Inter's next highest league scorer boasted just five.

There was disappointment in Europe, too, as Marseille knocked them out of the Champions League in the round of 16 on away goals.

No doubt a series of managers did not help matters.

Gian Piero Gasperini was appointed to replace Leonardo, but was sacked in late September after four losses in five matches.

Replacing Gasperini was Claudio Ranieri, but he did not fare much better. After a run of just two wins in 13 games, including the Champions League exit, he was also dismissed in late March.

Andrea Stramaccioni, who had been coach of Inter's youth team, was promoted to be the team's third and final manager of the season.

2012/13

A dismal season, featuring more Gareth Bale joy at Inter's expense.

They could only finish ninth in Serie A, the club's worst finish since 1994.

A serious knee injury to star striker Diego Milito didn't help, and neither did a bad Achilles injury to captain Javier Zanetti.

Inter, due to finishing sixth the previous season, qualified for the Europa League for the first time.

They fought their way through two qualifying rounds and the group stage, before facing Tottenham in the round of 16.

Bale scored as Spurs won the first leg at White Hart Lane 3-0, and an extra time Emmanuel Adebayor strike sent the Londoners through on the away goals rule after a 4-1 loss at the San Siro.

After Inter had lost seven of their last nine league games, Stra-

Virgil Van Dijk was sent off when he last played in the San Siro, for Glasgow Celtic.

Dani Osvaldo.

Inter Milan v English clubs in Europe

2009/10 Chelsea

For the third season in a row, the Italians were drawn against English opposition in the round of 16, but prevailed.

They won 2-1 in the first leg at the San Siro thanks to goals from Diego Milito and Esteban Cambiasso, with Salomon Kalou scoring for the Blues.

In what was Jose Mourinho's return to Stamford Bridge, Samuel Eto'o scored the important goal as Inter went on to win the competition.

2010/11 Tottenham

Reigning champions but without Jose Mourinho, Inter played two classic matches in the Champions League group stage against newcomers Tottenham.

A 4-3 win at the San Siro will be remembered for

Gareth Bale.

Gareth Bale's second-half hat-trick, despite Inter being 4-0 up at half-time.

They lost 3-1 at White Hart Lane, with Spurs' goals coming from Rafael van der Vaart, Peter Crouch and Roman Pavlyuchenko.

2012/13 Tottenham

Another meeting with Spurs resulted in another goal fest between the two clubs, this time in the last-16 of the Europa League.

Andre Villas-Boas' side won 3-0 at home, Bale, Gylfi Sigurdsson and Jan Vertonghen on the scoresheet.

But, without the suspended Bale in the second leg, Spurs fell apart. Goals from Antonio Cassano, Rodrigo Palacio and a William Gallas own goal took the tie to extra-time.

Emmanuel Adebayor got the away goal for Spurs, meaning Ricky Alvarez' strike was meaningless.

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Inter ragged

Inter fans show off some of their colourful flags and banners.

Frank de Boer.

Inter crash out to Tottenham in the Europa League in 2012/13.

maccioni was sacked with Napoli coach Walter Mazzarri taking over he next day.

Mazzarri, of course, is now Watford manager.

2013/14

With no European football, Inter finished fifth in Mazzarri's first season.

They broke a club record in scoring 35 away league goals - including a 7-0 romp at Sassaulo - but still finished a whopping 42 points adrift of runaway champions Juventus.

Argentine Rodrigo Palacio was Inter's top Serie A scorer, but with only nine.

Two other Argentines - Ricky Álvarez and Esteban Cambiasso - were second best, with just four each.

2014/15

Saints defender Virgil Van Dijk will have painful memories of his last visit to the San Siro.

He was playing for Celtic in the second leg of their round of 32 Europa League tie in the stadium in February 2015.

The stage was all set for a thriller after Celtic had come from 0-2 down to draw the first leg 3-3 at Parkhead.

And the second leg was still goalless when Van Dijk was sent off for his second bookable offence.

Celtic conceded the only goal shortly after.

Inter's Europa League run ended in the round of 16, when they lost both legs to Wolfsburg.

In the league, Mazzarri had been sacked in November with Roberto Mancini returning after a six-year absence.

Mazzarri had brought in Saints bad boy Dani Osvaldo on loan in the summer of 2014, but the temperamental striker fell out with Mancini and hardly featured under him.

The club's new goalscoring star was Mauro Icardi, the Argentine ending the season as the joint top scorer in Serie A with 22 goals - sharing the Capocannoniere (Golden Boot) with Luca Toni.

Despite those goals, Inter could still only finish eighth.

2015/16

Icardi was Inter's top scorer again, this time with 16 goals in 33 Serie A appearances, as the club finished fourth.

For the second time in three seasons, there was no European football at the San Siro.

Switzer hits five - and still loses!

James Switzer blasted five goals but remarkably ended up on the losing side as Forest Home lost 7-5 to AFC Portswood in the first round of the City of Southampton Sunday League's D.R. Ryder Trophy.

Switzer's nap and included a four minute hat-trick in the first half, ***writes Macauley Daley.***

Four goals from James Christopher, a brace from Rob North and a solitary effort from Darren Joseph saw Portswood triumph in the 12-goal thriller.

Mottisfont also progressed with a 7-0 thrashing of AFC Carpenting. Matt Bosanquet scored three, with Dan Scott, Brad Frampton, Jason Gradidge and Lewis White also on target.

Marchwood Rangers saw off AFC Soton in an eight goal thriller that was settled on penalties. Dan James' hat-trick alongside Jay Petty's goal for Rovers was matched by a double for Aiden Collins

Jake Voller.

as well as efforts from Sukhraj Dosanjh and Liam Nash. Rovers won the shoot-out 3-1.

Jake Voller's hat-trick for Fawley RBL saw them to a 6-2 win over Portside, with Martin Wooldridge and James Harding replying.

Marcus Bishop's double helped Winsor United to a 5-2 win at Curbridge. Jamie Betteridge, Ryan Hartley and Chris Hooper were also on target for United, while Mitch Young and Ali Ingram replied.

Fryern needed extra-time to beat Royale Marine, eventually winning 4-2. Nathan Roles, Andy Probert, Ryan Farrant and Harry Searle's goals saw Fryern through, with Keiran Reed and Matt Bootes replying.

AFC Southbrook beat Durley 4-1 through Billy Hunt (2), Anthony Gardner and Danny McNaughton. Michael Cooper replied.

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Awesome foursome

Four goals from Clayd Roach helped Portswood United to a 10-2 win at Branksome Park Athletic in the Hampshire FA Sunday Junior 'B' Cup.

What made the success all the more remarkable was that Portswood played the entire tie with ten men.

A hat-trick from Jerome O'Brien and a brace from Cameron Roach sealed the win.

Despite trailing 2-1 at half-time, AFC Spitfire recorded a 3-2 win at Bridge Manor in the first round of the DR Ryder Trophy.

Shah Bani-Sadr and Ben Baker-Colbourne scored first-half goals for the hosts, but Nick Jackson, Tom Chuter and Damian Slawkowski helped Spitfire through.

John Frosdick and Matt Steer traded doubles with the former's side coming out on top. Louie Dutfield also scored for Bishops as they beat Romsey Comrades 3-2.

First-half goals from Jack Stickland and Craig Stickland were enough to see Lyndhurst JFC seeoff Hunters Inn 2-1. Grant Welsh replied.

Craig Stickland.

On cloud 9

Chamberlayne Athletic were on cloud nine as they stayed top of the City of Southampton Sunday League Premier Division with a 9-0 thrashing of Bush Hill thanks to Martin Hall (3), Louis Lemessieur (3), Craig Shrimpton, Will Fitzsimmons and Ryan Stephenson.

Bush Hill replaced Landguard at the bottom on goal difference, despite them losing 4-2 to AFC West End.

Goals from Fred Cadogan, Lewis Mitchell, Tom Tuckey and Connor Barnett saw West End leapfrog Itchen Saints into second place.

That's because Craig Paskins' double helped Crusaders to a 5-2 win over Saints. Connor Rowe, Shaun Jones and Ryan McDermott were also on target, with Tony Sullivan and Dominic Yeandle replying.

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Remember the

By Simon **Carter**

The trip to the San Siro next week will see Saints break new ground with regards to European football.

It will be the first time they have met an Italian club in nine seasons of Inter Cities Fairs Cup, European Cup Winners Cup, UEFA Cup and Europa League action.

But they HAVE played a European tie in Italy before.

Just over 40 years ago, they faced Napoli in the short-lived Anglo-Italian League Cup.

The tournament was a two-legged affair between the winners of the previous season's English FA Cup and the Italian equivalent, the Coppa Italia.

In September 1976, a goal from teenager Steve Williams gave Saints a first leg advantage at The Dell.

Strangely, the second leg was not held until two months later, in November, where Saints were thrashed 4-0.

The Anglo-Italian League Cup had been re-introduced a year earlier, in 1975 - two years after the Anglo-Italian Cup had been held for the fourth and last time.

It is worth recalling the Anglo-Italian Cup, for it produced some remarkable performances which are deserving of a slightly wider audience than they received at the time - or, indeed, since.

After all, did you know Swindon Town have won a European trophy?

Seriously, they have.

In fact, the Wiltshire club have won two - and in one of them Fabio Capello was among the losing opponents.

The tale has an unlikely start with Swindon, of the Third Division, winning the League Cup at Wembley.

In the spring of 1969, the Robins stunned Arsenal 3-1 - the last time a club from the third tier won the tournament (a fact they will almost certainly hold for the rest of mankind).

Because the were a third division club, the FA could not enter them in the annual Inter Cities Fairs Cup and so, to 'reward' them, the Anglo-Italian League Cup was initiated.

Roma, the Coppa Italian (Italian Cup) holders answered an invitation to face Swindon in a two-legged tie at the start of the following season.

Now in the Second Division - Swindon had also won promotion from the third in 1968/69 - the Wiltshire club only lost 2-1 in Rome in the first leg in front of a crowd of 50,000 in September 1969.

Action from Saints' 1-0 home win over Napoli in the Anglo Italian League Cup in September 1976.

50,000! To watch Swindon Town of the English second tier!

Remarkably, Swindon then hammered their far more illustrious rivals 4-0 at the County Ground.

Arthur Horsfield hit a hat-trick and Don Rogers completed one of the most amazing scorelines in the history of Anglo-Italian rivalry.

Future England boss Capello was among the Roma side no doubt left bewildered by their drubbing.

Imagine that now.

A club like, say, Burton Albion - now of the second tier but last season promoted from the third - thrashing the Coppa Italia holders (Juventus) 4-0?

It seems barely believable, but it happened.

And the following year, to prove it was no fluke, Swindon went and triumphed in Europe again.

The FA and their Italian counterparts, buoyed by the 'success' of the Anglo-Italian League Cup, inaugurated the Anglo-Italian Cup with 12 clubs competing - six English and six Italian.

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Napoli games?

The Italian entrants were Juventus, Fiorentina, Lazio, Napoli, Roma and Vicenza, with the English contingent made up of Swindon, Sheffield Wednesday, Sunderland, Middlesbrough, West Brom and Wolves.

History does not record how seriously Juventus took the tournament, as they were twice beaten by Swindon.

The Robins beat Juve 4-0 in Wiltshire - honestly they did, I am not making this up! - and 1-0 in Italy.

Yes, Swindon beat Juventus in Turin in a European tournament.

The Robins subsequently topped their qualifying group - where points were awarded for goals scored as well as wins and draws - and returned to Italy to play Napoli in the final.

The game was abandoned because of crowd trouble with Swindon leading 3-0.

Disgruntled home fans had begun hurling rocks and bottles on the field after Swindon had scored their second just after the hour mark, prompting the police to retaliate with teargas.

Groups of fans then started breaking up stones and wooden benches and hurling them over the wide moat and onto the pitch.

A linesman was struck and the referee ordered the players off the pitch.

The players had to run the gauntlet to escape to the dressing rooms and several Swindon players were struck by missiles.

Though play restarted, the violence continued and after Swindon had scored again the referee abandoned the game - with Swindon declared the first ever winners of the Anglo-Italian Cup.

Two European trophies in as many years, therefore.

Incredible.

There was another English winner the following year, when Blackpool beat Bologna 2-1 in front of 40,000 fans in Italy.

Inter Milan were among the six Italian clubs to enter this time, and they suffered the ignominy of losing in the San Siro to Crystal Palace.

Blackpool were back in the final the following year, 1972 - their points total boosted by beating Vicenza 10-0 at Bloomfield Road - but lost 3-1 to Roma.

It is interesting to note that all these tournaments - the one Swindon triumphed in and the two where Blackpool reached the final - took place in the summer months.

Discontinued after 1973, the Anglo-Italian Cup was resurrected in 1976/77 for semi professional clubs only.

Wimbledon and Bath City (twice) were the first three English finalists - all losing - before Sutton United became the first (and only) English winners of a competition that run until 1986.

Sutton travelled to Italy the final against favourites Chieti, who had been the only club to have beaten them in the qualifying rounds. This time, though, Sutton - wearing the England national club of the era - won 2-1.

For no obvious reason, the tournament returned again at the start of 1992/93 - for all 24 second tier clubs in England and all the Serie B clubs in Italy.

It ran for four seasons, but failed to prove remotely popular with fans and games regularly hit the headlines for a spate of red cards and occasional crowd trouble as well.

A crowd of under 13,000 attended the last final, in March 1996, with ex-Saint Martin Foyle scoring both Port Vale consolations in a 5-2 hammering by Genoa.

We are unlikely to see the Anglo-Italian Cup return - in any guise, professional or semi pro - ever again.

And probably only Swindon Town are disappointed with that news...

Wood you believe it ...!

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]In the Senior Division, Boyatt Wood move top with a 4-3 win over Yacht Tavern. Nick McAllister, Charlie Ford, Dan Harket-Burgess and Rich Smith scored, with James Moorman and Jordan Withey replying.

They overtook RS Nomansland, who lost 4-2 at home to AFC Riverside. Lee Portman and Christian Kalialia's braces were enough for Riverside's second victory of the season.

AFC Bishopstoke remain without a win in Junior Division One, after they lost 5-3 to Bitterne Ducks.

Bitterne made it 17 goals in four games with Chris Pye and Zaine Rashid scoring twice, alongside Michael Thomas.

Charlie Pennett-Harris' double and Lewis Jones' effort saw Bishopstoke double their goal tally for the season.

Test Valley Spartans won their second game in 2016/17 in Division Two, with a 3-1 victory over rock bottom AFC Dorchester.

Oliver Sharp, Tony Kerton and Craig Renwick netted, with Aaron Heskins replying.

Sam Bessant's quadruple helped Portswood United Reserves continue their 100 per cent start, as they caned Hedge End City 8-1 in Division Four.

United were five up by half-time, with Mitchell Drouet, Lewis Powell, Brad McGivern and Jamie Keyte also scoring.

Barway made it two wins from two as they dispatched Sholing Monks 3-1 thanks to Gaz Jones, Nathan Gray and a Wayne Atkins penalty.

RS Nomansland Reserves remain the only team in the division without a win, as they lost 4-0 to previously winless Mayfield Rovers with all the goals - from Aiden Reidy (3) and Liam Faulds - coming before half-time.

Southampton United leapfrogged Whiteheart as they triumphed 4-3 with Dom Dietrich, Aaron Nicholson, Tom Gale and Edward Garrod on target for the hosts.

A brace from Matt Bampton ensured O.T's & Romsey stayed top of Division Five with a 4-3 win over AFC Itchen.

Goals from Jamie Beard and Alex Bampton helped the side recover from losing at half-time, leaving Itchen still without a win despite efforts from Dan Collinson, James Brewer and Nick England.

Burridge AFC remain bottom following a 6-2 defeat to AFC Hedge End Town. Two goals each from Callum Parker and Macaully Smith saw Hedge End 4-2 up at half-time. Chris Astridge scored the fifth before Smith wrapped up his hat-trick.

AFC Mayflower conceded six for the second game in a row as they remained the third team in the division yet to win this season. They were dismantled 6-1 by a Banister Park side that moved up to fifth.

Athletico Romsey manager Martin Potter paid tribute to Sporting Compass' keeper Ian Payne as both teams remained unbeaten following their 0-0 draw.

Testwood Tornadoes blew Cricks AFC away in a 6-3 thriller. moving up to third place - six points behind leaders O.T's & Romsey.

Three sides kept their 100 per cent records in Division Six.

Topping the table with five wins from five are Testlands Reserves, who beat Riverside Rangers 3-0 thanks to goals from Ben Smith, Luca Cordeddu and Robert New.

Liam Golding's hat-trick helped AFC Forestside thrash rock bottom AFC Itchen Reserves 9-2, with Sam Dempster grabbing a brace.

Chamberlayne Athletic 'A' made it three wins on the spin as they came from behind to beat Abbotswood 2-1. Wayne Webster's goal gave the visitors the lead, before Dale Simmons and Tommy Collins turned the result around.

A Pawel Burdzy hat-trick inspired Hamwic Rovers to a 7-4 win over Nemesis, despite trailing 3-1 at half-time.

Park Gate Panthers recorded their second win, overcoming Southern Sports 2-1. Alfie Bevis gave Sports the lead, but Elliot Gower's strike, combined with an own goal, gave the Panthers victory.

PINK

SAINTS

Saints aiming to keep it clean again

By Macauley **Daley**

The Europa League returns for a third round of group games next Thursday.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at the state of the groups so far.

Group A

It's tight at the summit of Group A, with three teams separated by just one point. Fenerbahce are currently topping the table with four points and they face Manchester United looking to extend the lead over their hosts to four points. A win for United would see them could see them top the group, depending on whether Feyenoord can bounce back from defeat in Turkey and beat Zorya Luhansk. Of the four matches played so far, five goals have been scored.

Next week: Manchester United v Fenerbahce, Feyenoord v Zorya Luhansk

Group B

It's top versus bottom in Group B, as APOEL look to extend their perfect record to three wins when they travel to Bern to face Young Boys. The Swiss outfit are the only team in the group yet to score a goal and are already five points behind the table topping Cypriots. The other match in the group will see Olympiacos look to open up an advantage over third place Astana.

Next week: Olympiacos v Astana, Young Boys v APOEL

Group C

The top dogs face off in Group C as Mainz host Anderlecht with both teams looking to pull away in the race for the knockout rounds. They have the same points tally but Anderlecht are top on goal difference. If the teams draw, that could open the door for Saint-Etienne who are at home to Gabala. The Azerbaijani team have qualified for their second consecutive Europa League group stage, but are yet to win a match.

Next week: Saint-Etienne v Galaba, Mainz v Anderlecht

Group D

Free scoring Zenit face Dundalk in a top of the group clash. The Russians have scored nine goals in their two matches so far, more than the other three teams in the group combined and the most in the competition. In comparison the Irish club have scored just twice, both goals coming via Ciaran Kilduff. The other game sees winless AZ host pointless Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Next week: Dundalk v Zenit Saint Petersburg, AZ Alkmaar v Maccabi Tel Aviv

Nathan Redmond in action for Saints in their Europa win against Sparta.

Group E

Roma will look to pick up where they left off in the last match when they host Austria Vienna. A 4-0 win over Astra Giurgiu, coupled with Vienna's draw against Viktoria Plzen sees the two teams locked on four points apiece. Both Plzen and Astra are yet to win so far, but the Czech's have drawn with the top two and will look to increase the misery on their Romanian counterparts.

Next week: Roma v Austria Vienna, Viktoria Plzen v Astra Giurgiu

Group F

Remarkably, all teams are on three points so it's still all to play for in Group F. All four of the clubs have won their home games thus far, so if form book stays the same, comfortable wins are on the cards for Genk and Rapid Vienna. Athletic Bilbao are the only team in the group that didn't score three goals at home and find themselves bottom of the table on goal difference.

Next week: Genk v Athletic Bilbao, Rapid Vienna v Sassuolo

Group G

Ajax host Celta Vigo looking to expand on their opening two wins. Both sides are unbeaten and the 1992 winners will go a long way to qualifying for the knockout stages with a win, coupled with a defeat for Panathinaikos. That's because the Greeks are without a point so far and could fall nine points behind the leaders with a loss, leaving just nine points to play for.

Next week: Ajax v Celta Vigo, Panathinaikos v Standard Liege

Group H

Shakhtar are one of only three sides in the competition yet to concede as they prepare to host Gent, who come into this match with a similar record. Their only slip up was a draw with Braga in the first match; and that represents the Portuguese side's only point so far. They'll look to kick start their campaign with a win over European debutants Konyaspor, who are yet to score.

Next week: Shakhtar Donetsk v Gent, Konyaspor v Braga

Group I

At least one perfect record and a painful one will be ended after the third round of fixtures in Group I. Unbeaten Krasnodar and Schalke go head to head in a bid to top the table outright, with winless Salzburg and Nice facing off hoping to salvage their European campaigns. Nice are one of only three teams who have conceded five goals in a match so far.

Next week: Krasnodar v Schalke, Nice v Salzburg

Group J

Fiorentina will look to pull away from the chasing pack when they host Slovan Liberec. The Czech side have scored three goals - two of them in the first minute. It's the polar opposite for rock bottom Qarabag, who also scored three, but two of those have come in injury time.

Next week: Qarabag v PAOK, Slovan Liberec v Fiorentina

Group K

Saints will look to heap more misery on former European champions Inter in the San Siro, as the latter have lost both of their matches so far whilst resting key players.

Like Saints, Be'er Sheva are yet to concede a goal during this campaign, but Sparta will be confident of breaking that duck after putting three past Inter.

Next week: Hapoel v Sparta Prague, Inter v Saints

Group L

Steaua have a lot to do, starting with their home tie with Zurich, as every other side in the group have won. Villarreal are still unbeaten and they travel to Ankara to face Osmanlispor, who are competing in their first ever European group stage.

Next week: Steaua v Zurich, Osmanlispor v Villarreal

EUROPA LEAGUE - HOW THE GROUPS STAND

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fenerbahçe	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Feyenoord	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Man United	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Zorya Luhansk	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APOEL	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Olympiacos	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Astana	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Young Boys	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

Group C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Mainz 05	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Saint-Étienne	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Gabala	2	0	0	2	3	6	0

Group D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zenit SP	2	2	0	0	9	3	6
Dundalk	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
AZ 2	2	0	1	1	1	6	1
Maccabi Tel Aviv	2	0	0	2	3	5	0

Group E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	2	1	1	0	5	1	4
Austria Vienna	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Viktoria Plze	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Astra Giurgiu	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

Group F

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Genk	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Sassuolo	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Rapid Vienna	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Athletic Bilbao	2	1	0	1	1	3	3

Group G

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Celta Vigo	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Standard Liège	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Panathinaikos	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Group H

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sh Donetsk	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Gent	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Braga	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Konyaspor	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

Group I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Krasnodar	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Schalke 04	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Red Bull Salzburg	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Nice	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

Group J

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fiorentina	2	1	1	0	5	1	4
PAOK	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Slovan Liberec	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Qaraba	2	0	1	1	3	7	1

Group K

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SAINTS	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Be'er Sheva	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Sparta Prague	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Inter	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

Group L

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Villarreal	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Zürich	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Osmanlıspor	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Steaua Bucharest	2	0	1	1	1	3	1

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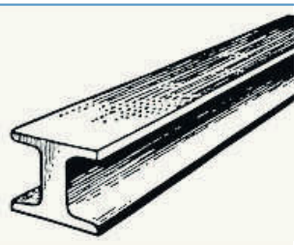

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
August															
Sat 13 Watford (h)	D 1-1	Forster	Cedric+	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	Davis	= W-Prowse	*Long	Tadic	Redmond 1	+Pied	=Hojbjerg	*Austin
Fri 19 Man Utd (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Cedric	Targett	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu*	Hjojberg	Davis=	Austin	Long+	Redmond	+Rodriguez	=Austin	*Clasie
Sat 27 Sunderland (h)	D1-1	Forster	Cedric	Targett	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Hjojberg*	Davis	Austin=	Tadic+	Redmond	+Long	=Rodriguez	*W-Prowse
September															
Sat 10 Arsenal (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie*	Tadic1=	Rodriguez+	Redmond	+Long	=J W-Prowse	*Hjojberg
Thurs 15 Sp Prague (Eur Lge) (h)	W 3-0	Forster	Martina	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu=	W-Prowse	Hjojberg	Tadic*	Austin 2+	Long	+Rodriguez1	= Davis	*Redmond
Sun 18 Swansea (h)	W 1-0	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie*	Tadic=	Long+	Redmond	+Hjojberg	=Martina	*Austin1
Wed 21 C Palace (Lge Cup, H)	W 2-0	McCarthy	Martina	Targett	Yoshida	Fonte	W-Prowse	Reed	Clasie	Hesketh1*	Austin1+	Long=	+Redmond	=Tadic	*Hjojberg
Sun 25 West Ham (a)	W 3-0	Forster	Soares+	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Hjojberg	Tadic1*	Austin1=	Redmond	+Martina	=Long	*W-Prowse1
Thurs 29 Hapoel (Europa Lge) (a)	D 0-0	Forster	Martina	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	W-Prowse	Clasie	Hesketh+	Long	Redmond=	+Tadic	= Hjojberg	
October															
Sun 2 Leicester (a)	D 0-0	Forster	Soares+	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Hjojberg	Tadic*	Austin=	Redmond	+ Martina	=W-Prowse	*Long
Sun 16 Burnley (4pm)	(h)														
Thurs 20 Inter Milan (Europa Lge)	(a)														
Sun 23 Man City (1.30pm)	(a)														
Wed 26 Sunderland (Lge Cup)	(h)														
Sun 30 Chelsea (4pm)	(h)														
November															
Thurs 3 Inter Milan (Europa Lge)	(h)														
Sat 6 Hull	(a)														
Sat 19 Liverpool	(h)														
Thurs 24 Sp Prague (Europa Lge)	(a)														
Sat 27 Everton (4.30pm)	(h)														
December															
Sat 3 Crystal Palace	(a)														
Thurs 8 Hapoel (Europa Lge)	(h)														
Sun 11 Middlesbrough	(h)														
Wed 14 Stoke	(a)														
Sat 17 Bournemouth	(a)														
Mon 26 Tottenham	(h)														
Sat 31 West Brom	(h)														
January															
Mon 2 Everton	(a)														
Sat 14 Burnley	(a)														
Sat 21 Leicester	(h)														
Tues 31 Swansea	(a)														
February															
Sat 4 West Ham	(h)														
Sat 11 Sunderland	(a)														
Sat 25 Arsenal	(h)														
March															
Sat 4 Watford	(a)														
Sat 11 Man Utd	(h)														
Sat 18 Tottenham	(a)														
April															
Sat 1 Bournemouth	(h)														
Wed 5 Crystal Palace	(h)														
Sat 8 West Brom	(a)														
Sat 15 Man City	(h)														
Sat 22 Chelsea	(a)														
Sat 29 Hull	(h)														
May															
Sat 6 Liverpool	(a)														
Sat 13 Middlesbrough	(a)														

CHERRIES FIXTURES 2016/17

AUGUST
13 Man United (H) L 1-3
20 West Ham United (A) L 0-1
27 Crystal Palace (A) D1-1

SEPTEMBER
10 West Bromwich (H) W 1-0
17 Manchester City (A) L 0-4
20 Preston (H, League Cup) L 2-3
24 Everton (H) W 1-0

OCTOBER
1 Watford (A) D 2-2
15 Hull City (H)
22 Tottenham (H)
29 Middlesbrough (A)

NOVEMBER
5 Sunderland (H)
19 Stoke City (A)
26 Arsenal (A)

DECEMBER
3 Liverpool (H)
10 Burnley (A)
13 Leicester City (H)
17 Southampton (H)
26 Chelsea (A)
31 Swansea City (A)

JANUARY
2 Arsenal (H)
14 Hull City (A)
21 Watford (H)
31 Crystal Palace (H)

FEBRUARY
4 Everton (A)
11 Manchester City (H)
25 West Bromwich (A)

MARCH
4 Manchester United (A)
11 West Ham United (H)
18 Swansea City (H)

APRIL
1 Southampton (A)
5 Liverpool (A)
8 Chelsea (H)
15 Tottenham (A)
22 Middlesbrough (H)
29 Sunderland (A)

MAY
6 Stoke City (H)
13 Burnley (H)

PORTSMOUTH FIXTURES 2016/17

AUGUST
6 Carlisle (H) D 1-1
9 Coventry (League Cup, A) L 2-3
13 Crewe (A) D 0-0
16 Morecambe (A) L 0-2
20 Colchester (H) W 2-0
27 Exeter (A) W 1-0
30 Yeovil (EFL Tr) L 3-4

SEPTEMBER
3 Crawley Town (H) W 3-0
10 Wycombe (H) W 4-2
17 Accrington (A) L 0-1
24 Barnet (H) W 5-1
27 Blackpool (A) L 1-3

OCTOBER
1 Doncaster (H) L 1-2
4 Reading U23 (H, EFL Trophy) D 2-2
8 Leyton Orient (A) W1-0
15 Plymouth (A)
22 Notts County (H)
29 Cambridge Utd (A)

NOVEMBER
12 Mansfield (H)
19 Cheltenham (A)
22 Luton (A)
26 Stevenage (A)

DECEMBER
10 Grimsby (A)
17 Hartlepool (H)
26 Newport County (A)
31 Yeovil (A)

JANUARY
2 Luton (H)
7 Doncaster (A)
14 Leyton Orient (H)
21 Crawley Town (A)
28 Exeter (h)

FEBRUARY
4 Wycombe (A)
11 Accrington Stanley (H)
14 Blackpool (H)
18 Barnet (A)
25 Carlisle (A)
28 Morecambe (H)

MARCH
4 Crewe (H)
11 Colchester (A)
14 Grimsby (H)
18 Stevenage (A)
25 Newport County (H)

APRIL
1 Hartlepool (A)
8 Yeovil (H)
14 Plymouth (H)
17 Notts County (A)
22 Cambridge Utd (H)
29 Mansfield (A)

MAY
6 Cheltenham (H)

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

EASTLEIGH

NATIONAL LEAGUE

August
6 Guiseley (H) W 2-1
9 Braintree (A) D 1-1
13 Tranmere (A) L 1-2
16 Dover (H) L 2-4
20 Wrexham (A) D 0-0
27 Solihull Moors (H) W 2-0
29 Bromley (A) W 5-0

September
3 North Ferriby (H) W 2-0
10 Southport (H) D 1-1
13 Forest Green (A) D 1-1
17 Macclesfield (A) W 1-0
24 Sutton (H) W 2-1

October
1 Woking (A) D 3-3
4 Maidstone (H) W 3-0
8 Dagenham & Red (H) L 0-1
22 Lincoln (A)
25 Torquay (H)
29 Barrow (A)

November
12 York (H)
19 Gateshead (A)
22 Aldershot (A)
26 Chester (H)
29 Maidstone (A)

December
3 Forest Green (H)
17 Southport (A)
26 Boreham Wood (H)

January
1 Boreham Wood (A)
7 Macclesfield (H)
21 Sutton (A)
28 Woking (H)

February
4 Braintree (H)
11 Guiseley (A)
18 Tranmere (H)
25 Dover (A)
28 Aldershot (H)

March
4 York (A)
11 Barrow (H)
18 Chester (A)
21 Torquay (A)
25 Gateshead (H)

April
1 Dagenham & Red (A)
8 Lincoln (H)
14 North Ferriby (A)
17 Bromley (H)
22 Solihull Moors (A)
29 Wrexham (H)

GOSPORT BOROUGH

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

August
6 Maidenhead United (a) L 0-3
9 Truro City (h) W 3-1
13 Eastbourne Borough (H) W 3-1
16 Dartford (A) D 0-0
20 East Thurrock United (A) L 1-5
27 Bishop's Stortford (H) L 0-1
29 Oxford City (A) W 2-1

September
3 Ebbsfleet United (H) W 1-0
6 Hampton & RB (H) D 1-1
10 Hungerford Town (A) D 3-3
13 Bath City (A) L 0-4
24 Margate (H) W 1-0

October
8 St. Albans City (A) L 1-2
15 Chelmsford City (H)
22 Wealdstone (H)
29 Hemel Hempstead Town (A)

November
5 Welling United (H)
12 Weston-super-Mare (A)
19 Concord Rangers (H)

December
3 Whitehawk (A)
17 Ebbsfleet United (A)
26 Poole Town (H)

January
1 Poole Town (A)
7 Hungerford Town (A)
14 East Thurrock United (H)
21 Hampton & RB (A)
28 Maidenhead United (H)

February
4 Truro City (A)
11 Dartford (H)
18 Eastbourne Borough (A)
25 Hemel Hempstead Town (H)

March
4 Wealdstone (A)
11 Margate (A)
18 St. Albans City (H)
21 Bath City (H)
25 Chelmsford City (A)

April
1 Weston-super-Mare (H)
8 Welling United (A)
14 Bishop's Stortford (A)
17 Oxford City (H)
22 Concord Rangers (A)
29 Whitehawk (H)

POOLE TOWN

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

August
6 Ebbsfleet United (A) L 0-4
9 Maidenhead United (H) W 1-0
13 Bishop's Stortford (H) W 1-0
16 Weston-Super-Mare (A) D 0-0
20 Margate (H) W 1-0
27 Hemel Hempstead Town (A) W 4-2
29 Bath City (H) W 1-0

September
3 Wealdstone (A) D 2-2
6 St Albans City (A) L 0-4
10 Eastbourne Borough (H) D 1-1
13 Truro City (A) D 0-0
24 Welling United (H) W 2-1

October
8 Hampton & Richmond (A) W 2-0
15 Oxford City (H)
22 Hungerford Town (A)
29 East Thurrock United (H)

November
5 Chelmsford City (H)
12 Concord Rangers (A)
19 Whitehawk (H)

December
3 Dartford (A)
17 Wealdstone (H)
26 Gosport Borough (A)

January
1 Gosport Borough (H)
7 Eastbourne Borough (A)
14 Margate (A)
21 St Albans City (H)
28 Ebbsfleet United (H)

February
4 Maidenhead United (A)
11 Weston-Super-Mare (H)
18 Bishop's Stortford (A)
25 East Thurrock United (A)

March
4 Hungerford Town (H)
11 Welling United (A)
18 Hampton & Richmond (H)
21 Truro City (H)
25 Oxford City (A)

April
1 Concord Rangers (H)
8 Chelmsford City (A)
15 Hemel Hempstead Town (H)
17 Bath City (A)
22 Whitehawk (A)
29 Dartford (H)

AFC TOTTON

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division 1 South & West

August
6 Hereford (H) L 1-2
9 Swindon Supermarine (A) L 0-1
13 North Leigh (A) W 3-2
16 Larkhall Athletic (H) L 1-6
27 Bishops Cleeve (A) L 2-3
29 Salisbury (H) L 0-4

September
10 Evesham United (A) D 0-0
24 Shortwood United (A) L 1-2
27 Wimborne Town (H) L 1-6

October
1 Yate Town (H) D 1-1
15 Tiverton Town (A)
22 Slimbridge (H)
25 Didcot Town (A)

November
5 Bridgwater Town (H)
12 Mangotsfield United (A)
19 North Leigh (H)
23 Larkhall Athletic (A)
26 Hereford (A)
29 Swindon Supermarine (H)

December
3 Wantage Town (H)
10 Bideford (A)
17 Paulton Rovers (H)
26 Salisbury (A)

January
2 Winchester City (H)
7 Taunton Town (A)
14 Barnstaple Town (H
21 Paulton Rovers (A)
28 Shortwood United (H)

February
4 Wimborne Town (A)
11 Tiverton Town (H)
18 Yate Town (A)
25 Didcot Town (H)

March
4 Slimbridge (A)
11 Bridgwater Town (A)
18 Mangotsfield United (H)
25 Wantage Town (A)

April
1 Bideford (H)
8 Barnstaple Town (A)
15 Bishops Cleeve (H)
17 Winchester City (A)
22 Evesham (H)

SALISBURY

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division 1 South & West

August
6 Evesham Utd (H) W 1-0
10 Winchester City (A) L 2-4
13 Taunton Town (A) L 1-3
16 Bishops Cleeve (H) W 4-1
27 Mangotsfield United (H) W 2-1
29 AFC Totton (A) W 4-0

September
10 Bideford (H) D 4-4
24 Yate Town (A) L 1-3
27 Didcot Town (H) W 3-2

October
15 Slimbridge (A)
22 Barnstaple Town (H)
25 Paulton Rovers (A)

November
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18 Swindon Supermarine (A)
25 Paulton Rovers (H)

March
4 Barnstaple Town (A)
11 Larkhall Athletic (H)
18 Tiverton Town (A)
25 Hereford (H)

April
1 Shortwood Utd (A)
8 Wantage Town (H)
15 Mangotsfield Utd (A)
17 Wimborne Town (H)
22 Bideford (A)

WINCHESTER

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division 1 South & West

August
6 Slimbridge (A) L 3-5
10 Salisbury (H) W 4-2
13 Mangotsfield United (H) L 0-2
16 Didcot Town (A) L 0-4
27 Tiverton Town (H) L 0-4
29 Wimborne Town (A) D 2-2

September
10 Hereford (H) L 0-2
24 Bridgwater Town (H) W 4-1
27 Wantage Town (A) W 1-0

October
15 North Leigh (H)
22 Taunton Town (A)
26 Bishops Cleeve (H)

November
5 Swindon Supermarine (A)
12 Yate Town (H)
19 Mangotsfield United (A)
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ODI ratings

England overcame Bangladesh by four wickets in the deciding one-day international in Chittagong to clinch a 2-1 series win.

Here, the Sports Pink analyses each player's performance over the course of the series.

JOS BUTTLER

Showed a steely side to his character after his clash with several Bangladesh fielders in the second ODI but led the side capably in Eoin Morgan's absence. A couple of dashing 50s puts him in the shop window for the Test series but his wicketkeeping remains a work in progress: 8 (out of 10).

JASON ROY

May have been expected to play a larger role in the absence of Morgan, Hales and Root. Helped England off to a flyer in the first match but looked all at sea two days later as the top order floundered before a shoulder injury ended his tour early. 6.

JAMES VINCE

The Hampshire batsman

James Vince.

was given the chance to stake his claim in the absence of Hales but failed to take it. A high score of 32 across the three ODIs sees him slip down the pecking order following the emergence of others during this series. Might be some time before he plays for England again. 4.

SAM BILLINGS

Landed with an unfamiliar role in the decider, his first ODI in more than a year, he shone in Roy's absence with a very impressive 62. England now simply have to find a spot in their line-up for him. 8.

BEN DUCKETT

Made two half-centuries in his first three ODI appearances. His 60 from 78 balls on his ODI debut showed maturity beyond his years as he held the innings together after a wobble. The future looks extraordinarily bright for the 21-year-old. 8.

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PINK HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

'Let's not kiss first

By Simon **Walter**

Stuart Robertson.

David Mann

THERE was one Hampshire supporter at this week's Ageas Bowl forum who encapsulated the argument for an eight-team T20 Super League.

At 25, Dominic Mackrill was, by a considerable distance, the youngest of the 60 or so Hampshire supporters who made up the audience with chairman Rod Bransgrove, chief executive David Mann and commercial director Stuart Robertson.

"I'm probably the youngest here," said the dad of one, a timber framer from Sholing. "Football is my No 1 sport and cricket is my second sport - but my friends say it's boring. If this doesn't work, we can kiss goodbye to first-class cricket.

"For it to work we have to take a leaf out of the Premier League and get the biggest names here."

Bransgrove said: "You're exactly the sort of person we're trying to attract. If I'm still here in 30 years' time I'll be on life support but we want the game to still be here, for people Dominic's age and younger. That's much more important."

Robertson began the evening with a run-down of the England and Wales Cricket Board's 'Cricket Unleashed' market research that provides overwhelming research for a new competition.

Then Mann highlighted the parlous state of county cricket's finances (Hampshire were one of only four out of 18 counties to make a profit during the last Ashes summer), arguing that "it would almost be irresponsible of us to not go down this route."

The Hampshire Cricket Board's John Wolfe said "the club game will shrivel" without the trickle-down interest from a T20 Super League, which would run alongside the existing T20 Blast, possibly as soon as July/August 2018.

Bransgrove, who has already detailed his argument in a must-read statement published in the Sports Pink a fortnight ago, began with an impassioned speech about his desire for a new T20 competition.

"We should be under no illusion about the threat to our game, " he said. "If you haven't noticed you probably haven't been looking .

"Some of us are over 60, some more. Maybe we don't care about the future because we have a limited one ourselves.

"But I want my children's children to still see real cricket. I'm not going to say one form is proper and another isn't.

"But there's only one form of it that will keep it intact and I'm passionately in favour of it.

"We have to rally behind the ECB and give young people what they say they want to recreate interest in our sport.

"I was there in 2003 when we took a vote to introduce domestic T20 cricket for the first time. Amazingly, despite the overwhelming evidence in favour of it, seven counties still voted against.

"Without T20 at least two of those counties would be out of business by now."

With that, the panel took questions from the floor.

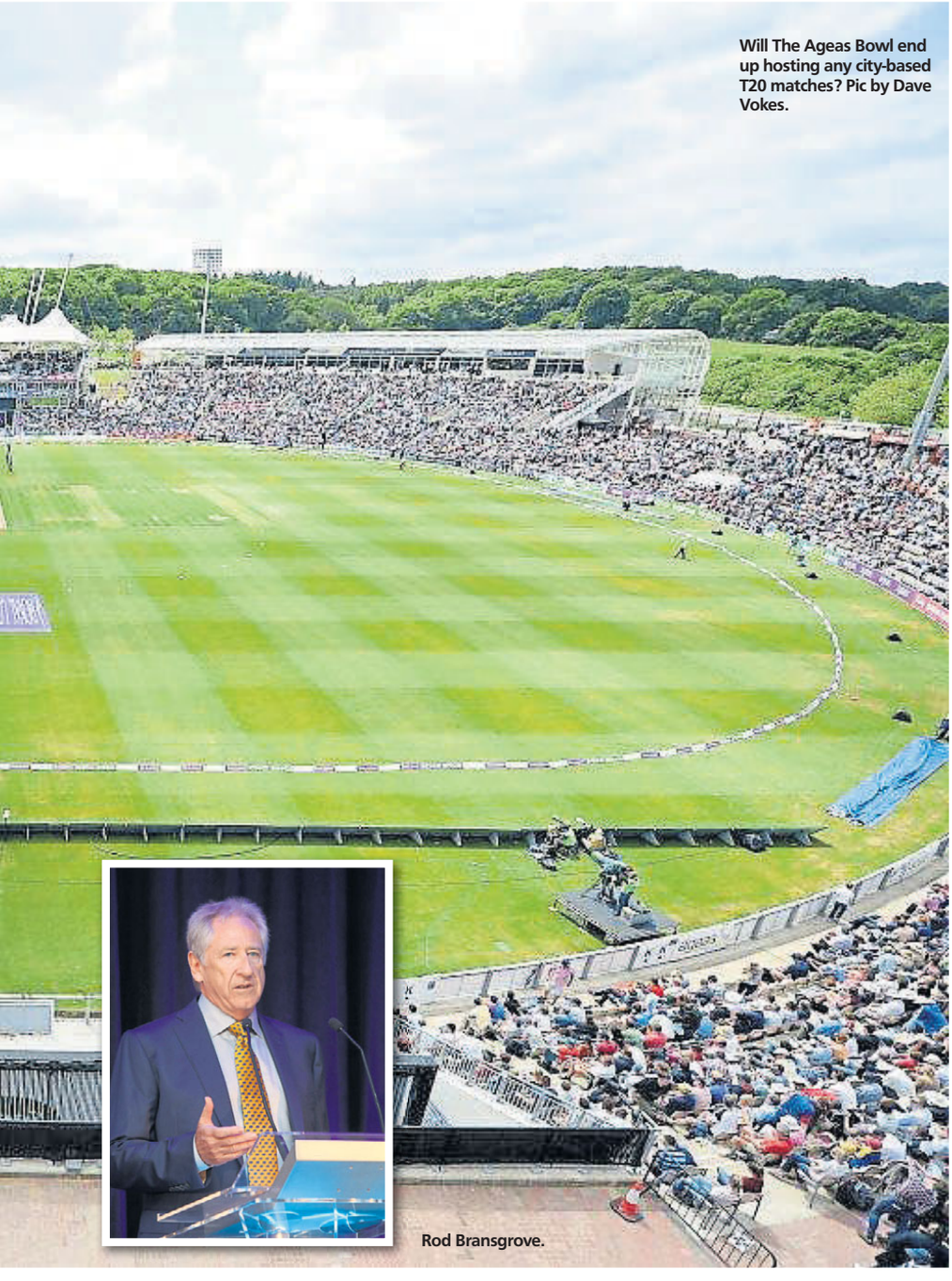
Q: Won't this overload the amount of T20 cricket being played and overshadow the T20 Blast?

SR: They won't be in competition with each other. The T20 Blast will remain county v county over the course of the whole season and the new competition will target a brand new family audience.

Q: Aren't county games aimed at families already?

PINK HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

class cricket goodbye'



Will The Ageas Bowl end up hosting any city-based T20 matches? Pic by Dave Vokes.

Rod Bransgrove.

DM: This is about attracting a whole new set of people. The research shows there are 9.4m people interested in cricket, who don't yet play or pay to watch the game. It's about attracting a whole new audience, like the model that's worked in Australia.

RB: In my 16-year experience there's no financial model that works for county cricket. I've been here on some days when there have been more groundstaff than spectators. It is not self funding, so something else has to fund it.

SR: This competition will be in the school holidays to maximise the family audience and the T20 Blast will be played at all the county grounds across the summer.

Q: If there was a team based here would the revenue be Hampshire's or would it be shared with Somerset, Kent and Sussex?

DM: The £26m that this competition would generate would mean £1.3m for every county. The eight host counties would get an extra £500,000.

Q: Will England players definitely be available?

RB: Yes, with the current proposals allowing three overseas players per team. Some thought has been given to the allocation of players. That may be in the form of an auction, maybe a draw. More details like this will emerge.

Q: What if the ECB says so-and-so needs resting? If that happens it won't work.

RB: I've had that debate, not least about Jonny Bairstow [who was refused permission to play in Yorkshire's Championship decider against Middlesex last month]. Don't get me started on that one. The games would be played in a close time period in a World Cup-style format for that reason. The way the Caribbean Premier League has led to a resurgence of cricket in the West Indies is very exciting and there's also been a massive increase in participation in Australia, which was already greater than in the UK. This model has also worked in India, Bangladesh and South Africa. The evidence is right in front of us.

Q: Sussex are not in favour along with a few other counties. So what are the pros and cons of the other four options?

RB: I don't want to comment on Sussex and the other counties, but my first preference was actually Option 5 which would have involved ditching the T20 Blast and just playing one competition with eight new teams. But the T20 Blast is important to a lot of other counties. Northants, for example, punch well above their weight and we have to applaud and encourage that, so I've modified my view on this.

The other three options weren't even realistic. One was to do nothing and another was to have a second division of ten counties, but that wouldn't produce the same income.

One county chairman, who will remain nameless, said to me 'it's alright for you with your constitution because you can vote how you like'. I said 'that's true but what would happen if all your members voted against and you still voted for?' He said 'I would lose my job.' I said 'what's more important, your job or the future of county cricket?' He didn't like it.

This is a one-off opportunity to do something for the entirety of cricket in this country and it's a great model. The average age of a Big Bash audience is not 42 (the average age of a T20 Blast audience), it's more like 22.

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ODI ratings

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JONNY BAIRSTOW

Has firmly cemented his place in the Test line-up in the last 12 months but he may rue only making 50 runs across three innings against the Tigers. Like Vince, Bairstow may now find himself surplus to requirements for the India series. 5.

BEN STOKES

Revelled in his responsibilities as vice-captain with a maiden ODI century in the opener before carrying England over the line in the decider with an unbeaten 47. His bowling was largely ineffective on slow pitches. 9.

MOEEN ALI

Economical with the ball to help England keep the scoring rate down but he only took one wicket, and made three single-figure scores with the bat. 5.

CHRIS WOAKES

Now an automatic selection

Adil Rashid.

in Tests and ODIs although he was not at his best here. Failed to make much of an impact with the ball on unresponsive pitches but kept things tight and he held his nerve in the decider with a booming six. 6.

DAVID WILLEY

Another seamer who found the going tough on turning tracks. There was little swing available that gives his bowling an added threat. 5.

ADIL RASHID

By far England's best bowler with 10 wickets in the series and his two four-fors came in England's victories to underline his growing importance. 9.

JAKE BALL

Marked his first ODI with a five-wicket haul to induce a collapse that handed England an unlikely victory. Could now be a mainstay of the team. 8.

LIAM PLUNKETT

A sore toe ruled him out of the Dhaka games and

Ennis Hill - the numbers

Jessica Ennis-Hill has announced her retirement from athletics aged 30.

Here, the Sports Pink reviews the former Olympic champion's career in numbers.

1986

She was born in Sheffield on January 28, 1986.

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Ennis-Hill has seven major heptathlon medals at senior level, with four golds including the 2012 London Olympics, a World Championship either side of becoming a mother, and a European Championship. She also won Olympic silver in Rio this summer, World Championship silver in 2011 and Commonwealth bronze back in 2006.

6,955

Ennis-Hill's personal best heptathlon total, set when winning her Olympic gold medal. It is a British and Commonwealth record.

Jessica Ennis-Hill.

12.54 seconds

That London triumph was kicked off by a blistering 100m hurdles, equalling the gold-medal time from the individual event at the previous Games in Beijing.

6,669

Ennis-Hill's winning total at the 2015 World Championships was at that stage her best total after returning to competition following the birth of her son Reggie.

6,775

She beat her Worlds total when competing at Rio 2016, but it was only good enough for silver at her final championships.

4,965

Her total in the 2012 World Indoors marked Ennis-Hill's pb in the pentathlon, improving her gold medal-winning mark from Doha in 2010 by 28 points. It was only good enough for silver.

PINK HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

'Incompatible

By Simon **Walter**

from page 37

Q: Did Australia have a T20 competition before the Big Bash?

RB: They tried a competition with the existing states but decided to expand it by having two teams in Sydney and two in Melbourne as they had the stadia there. Then they changed the marketing approach to address the children so that differentiated from the old T20 competition. I don't know a country that has a domestic T20 competition running alongside its franchise league but that doesn't mitigate against doing it. We're in a unique situation in which we care about all 18 counties.

But that's a small part of a huge issue. We are seeing the emergence of a different type of cricketer. When we do appraisals with our players they're now saying they want to get an IPL gig because of the glamour and we're seeing the likes of KP playing exclusively T20 cricket.

Q: What would happen to the grounds that don't host these games?

RB: Each county gets £1.3m. I accept clubs will have redundant players because our focus will be on franchise cricket.

Q: Will county cricket continue to be played during this tournament, even with players unavailable because of it?

RB: That's still a subject for debate but Yorkshire often have four or five away with England so county cricket isn't symmetrical in that respect. My preference is for it to be the only T20 tournament played in that time. But I'm part of a democratic process. Other county chairmen might want the other T20 competition [to conclude] during the school holidays. The important thing is to get this competition established.

Q: Will 50-over cricket continue to take place in the context of the new competition?

RB: This is part of the fall-out debate. Do we need two forms of short-form county cricket and if we do how do we present it? My view is as an FA Cup-style [50-over] competition with 32 teams so you have giant-killing potential with top club and village sides and minor counties involved. There will be more market research and consultation on this. I'm aware that some have a preference for 50 over cricket, but why is beyond me. It takes too long and it gets harder to keep up with all the rule changes - I'm 65 so I'm starting to find things complicated. I prefer 40-over cricket but am just part of the democratic process. The most important thing is to get a city-based T20 league underway, then look at the fall-out.

The Perth Scorchers celebrate an Australian Big Bash T20 victory. Kevin Pietersen, left, exclusively plays T20 cricket these days.

Q: A ten-fold increase for every county would be fantastic but do we believe it? I've had a corporate career and the majority of plans don't come to fruition.

RB: I was a businessman once myself then got into cricket and realised I'm not as good as I thought! I can't make a silver purse out of a sow's ear. But even if those figures are halved this is still worth doing. I would put my mortgage - no I wouldn't, actually! - but I would put a lot of money on the fact that [ECB CEO] Tom Harrison has meticulously checked all of this. I would be happy with those figures even with a 20 per cent fall.

Q: The ECB sits on a big pile of cash. Are counties getting screwed by the ECB?

RB: I do think the ECB retains

PINK HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

with modern life'

Hampshire playing 50-over cricket. Chairman Rod Bransgrove isn't a big fan of the format.

too much money and we don't get enough of our money back. The term handout is demeaning. Ninety per cent of ECB income is raised by our assets. We deserve that money and don't get enough of it.

Q: What about the future of Test cricket?

RB: I want us to protect it. It's a very special gladiatorial sport. I've been in an Australian changing room after a Test and seen 11 players absolutely drained. I would like these matches to be important again. We play too many and that demeans them. I remember newspapers speculating for days before a Test on whether the likes of Ken Barrington would be picked. A Test was a major event in my life but it's incongruous with modern life. My fear is that if we don't do this we might not be able to maintain Test cricket at all.

The viewing figures for long-form cricket are devastating. It's terrifying when we see what is happening to the game we grew up with.

That's modern life - my kids don't read books anymore, they read things on screens.

Q: I'm very excited about the prospect of my grandson asking to come along. But if it's a 'city-based' league is there going to be a team called Southampton?

RB: Is anyone from Portsmouth here?! It won't be our decision, we would just provide the ground if the Ageas Bowl is chosen. 'City-based' is probably the wrong phrase but I haven't been given any assurances that this will be a host ground. I would vote in favour even if I was told it wouldn't be. £1.3 mean each? I'll take that. If we were to host a team it wouldn't replace Hampshire, that's where my heart will always be. This team won't play against Hampshire, unless we think that's a good idea. We just don't want the game corrupted by a conservative mindset.

Q: I'm sure it hasn't escaped the ECB's notice that this competition will clash with the start of the football season. Is this a problem?

RB: This provides more competition, another option but it means we have to get involved in negotiations for broadcasting rights quickly. Tom Harrison is savvy enough to know what to expect.

Q Would the new competition make it possible to take domestic cricket to Portsmouth and Basingstoke again?

RB: To be honest it will take some years before US Portsmouth is capable of hosting county cricket again. For a long time it hasn't been suitable.

Q: What about the Isle of Wight?

RB: In some ways I favour Newclose on the Isle of Wight, it's a beautiful ground. It's got issues - you'd never get 10,000 there - but it's got the quality to host a game.

SR: T20 will be attracting thousands so it doesn't make commercial sense to play the short form away from the Ageas Bowl.

Q: What will be the affect be on the county championship, the competition we watch more than anything, with more games pushed to April and September?

RB: I'm not a T20 crusader, when I came to the club there was no T20 and I love the championship more than any other form - but it's incompatible with modern life. At least we can ring fence its future. I'm in favour of less Championship games, especially if we get higher quality. I would get twitchy if it goes below 12 games per county, but I can see that as a potential outcome.

Mum's the word ...

Jessica Ennis-Hill has retired after claiming a silver medal in the heptathlon at the Rio Olympics. She competed there just two years after the birth of her son Reggie.

Here, the Sports Pink highlights some other successful sporting mothers.

JO PAVEY

Pavey produced an inspirational performance to become the oldest female European champion in 2014 at the age of 40, winning 10,000m gold in front of her 11-month-old daughter. Just 10 days earlier, the four-time Olympian put on one of the displays of the Commonwealth Games to secure bronze in the 5,000m. In Rio, aged 42, she became the first British track athlete to compete in five Olympics.

KIM CLIJSTERS

The Belgian's professional tennis career appeared to be over, having been forced to retire at the age of 23 through injury and after giving birth to daughter

Jo Pavey.

Jada. However, Clijsters completed a remarkable sporting comeback to win the 2009 US Open just 18 months after giving birth.

PAULA RADCLIFFE

Celebrated a victorious return to running after the birth of daughter Isla. Radcliffe won the New York Marathon less than 10 months later, before doing so again in 2008.

KATIE CHAPMAN

This mother-of-three was part of the England squad that last year captured the nation's heart by finishing third at the World Cup. The midfielder had retired from international football in 2011.

CATRIONA MATTHEW

Just 11 weeks after giving birth to her second daughter in 2009 she became the first Scot to win a women's major golf championship - the British Open.

PINK RESULTS

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Premier League

AFC Bournemouth .....6 **Hull** 1
Daniels 5 Mason 34
Cook 41
Stanislas 45 pen,65
Wilson 83
Gosling 88
HT 3-1 Att 11,029

Arsenal .....3 **Swansea**.....2
Walcott 27,33 Sigurdsson 38
Ozil 57 Borja Baston 66
HT 2-1 Att 60,007

Chelsea.....3 **Leicester** 0
Costa 7, Hazard 33
Moses 80
HT 2-0 Att 41,547

Crystal P.....L **West Ham**.....L
HT L-L

Man City .....1 **Everton**.....1
Nolito 72 Lukaku 64
HT 0-0

Stoke.....2 **Sunderlnd** 0
Allen 8,45
HT 2-0 Att 27,701

W.B.A......1 **Tottenham**.....1
Chadli 82 Alli 89
HT 0-0

	HOME						AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man City	8	3	1	0	10	3	3	0	1	9	5	19
Arsenal	8	3	0	1	11	7	3	1	0	8	2	19
Tottenham	8	3	1	0	5	1	2	2	0	8	3	18
Liverpool	7	2	0	0	9	2	3	1	1	9	8	16
Chelsea	8	3	0	1	9	3	2	1	1	6	6	16
Everton	8	2	2	0	6	3	2	1	1	6	3	15
Man Utd	7	2	1	1	8	4	2	0	1	5	4	13
Crystal P	7	1	1	1	5	3	2	1	1	6	5	11
Bournemouth	8	3	0	1	9	4	0	2	2	3	8	11
W.B.A.	8	1	2	1	6	5	1	2	1	3	3	10
SAINTS	**7**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**4**	**4**	**9**
Watford	7	1	1	2	7	8	1	1	1	5	5	8
Leicester	8	2	2	0	5	1	0	0	4	3	13	8
Burnley	7	2	1	2	5	3	0	0	2	0	6	7
Hull	8	1	0	3	3	8	1	1	2	5	12	7
Middlesbro	7	0	1	2	3	5	1	2	1	4	5	6
Stoke	8	1	1	2	4	9	0	2	2	3	7	6
Swansea	8	0	1	3	4	9	1	0	3	4	6	4
West Ham	7	1	1	2	4	8	0	0	3	4	9	4
Sunderlnd	8	0	1	3	4	9	0	1	3	2	6	2

SkyBet Championship

A. Villa.....L **Wolves**.....L
HT L-L

Barnsley .....2 **Fulham** 4
Watkins 4 Piazon 37
Winnall 41 Aluko 42, Malone 46
Martin 65
HT 2-2 Att 11,374

Blackburn.....0 **Ipswich** 0
HT 0-0 Att 10,820

Brighton.....2 **Preston**.....2
Baldock 54 Hugill 10
Murray 65 Makienok 90
HT 0-1 Att 27,606

Derby Cty .....1 **Leeds Utd**.....0
Russell 56
HT 0-0 Att 31,170

Newcastle.....3 **Brentford**.....1
Clark 11 Hogan 52
Gayle 16,49
HT 2-0 Att 51,885

Norwich .....3 **Rotherham** 1
Hoolahan 17 Blackstock 74
Jerome 65
Naismith 89
HT 1-0 Att 26,813

Q.P.R......1 **Reading**.....1
Wszolek 14 Williams 21
HT 1-1 Att 15,048

Wigan.....0 **Burton Albion** 0
HT 0-0 Att 10,430

	HOME						AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Norwich	12	5	1	0	12	5	3	1	2	12	11	26
Newcastle	12	4	0	2	14	9	4	1	1	11	2	25
Huddersfld	11	5	0	0	9	4	3	1	2	5	4	25
Brighton	12	4	1	1	11	4	2	3	1	5	5	22
Bristol C	12	4	1	1	9	5	2	1	3	11	9	20
Birminghm	12	3	2	1	9	6	2	3	1	6	6	20
Reading	12	3	3	0	7	4	2	1	3	6	12	19
Brentford	12	4	2	0	13	2	1	1	4	6	10	18
Fulham	12	1	2	3	5	10	3	3	0	9	5	17
Sheff Wed	11	4	0	2	9	8	1	2	2	4	6	17
Barnsley	12	3	1	2	13	9	2	0	4	10	11	16
Leeds Utd	12	3	1	2	7	6	2	0	4	5	8	16
Q.P.R.	12	1	3	2	6	11	3	1	2	9	7	16
Wolves	11	2	2	2	7	8	2	1	2	8	6	15
Nottm For	12	4	1	1	16	11	0	2	4	6	12	15
Burton Alb	12	3	1	2	8	5	0	4	2	8	11	14
Ipswich	12	2	3	1	6	4	1	2	3	2	9	14
Preston	12	3	0	3	8	5	1	2	3	6	11	14
Derby Cty	12	1	2	3	2	5	2	2	2	5	5	13
Cardiff	12	2	0	4	4	9	1	2	3	6	11	11
Wigan	12	2	3	1	6	3	0	1	5	6	11	10
A. Villa	11	1	4	0	8	5	0	3	3	2	7	10
Blackburn	12	1	2	3	7	10	1	1	4	5	10	9
Rotherham	12	1	3	2	8	9	0	0	6	4	19	6

SkyBet League One

AFC Wimbledon.....0 **Swindon** 0
HT 0-0 Att 4,800

Bolton .....2 **Oldham**.....0
Clough 10,77
HT 1-0 Att 14,891

Bristol R .....2 **Gillingham**.....1
Lines 82 Wright 62
Harrison 90
HT 0-0 Att 9,489

Charlton.....3 **Coventry**.....0
Holmes 32
Lookman 79
Magennis 88
HT 1-0 Att 11,406

Fleetwood Town.....2 **Peterboro** 0
Sowerby 3
Grant 65
HT 1-0 Att 2,711

Northmptn .....1 **Millwall** 3
Richards 80 Gregory 32
Butcher 60
Morison 89
HT 0-1 Att 6,908

Oxford Utd.....1 **Bradford**.....0
Maguire 90
HT 0-0 Att 8,245

Rochdale .....2 **Bury** 0
Henderson 38 pen
Mendez-Laing 74
HT 1-0 Att 5,344

Scunthorpe.....2 **M K Dons** 1
Madden 65,81 Agard 37
HT 0-1 Att 4,238

Sheff Utd .....4 **Port Vale**.....0
Ebanks-Landell 23,45
Duffy 62
Scougall 83
HT 2-0 Att 19,699

Southend.....1 **Chesterfld** 0
Thompson 29
HT 1-0 Att 6,004

Walsall .....3 **Shrewsbry**.....2
Bakayoko 23 Lancashire 30
Morris 42 Brown 58
Oztumer 89
HT 2-1 Att 4,759

	HOME						AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Scunthorpe	13	4	3	0	17	5	4	1	1	12	8	28
Bradford	13	3	3	0	9	4	3	3	1	6	4	24
Bolton	13	3	3	1	7	5	3	1	2	6	5	22
Rochdale	13	4	1	2	11	6	2	2	2	7	7	21
Sheff Utd	12	4	1	1	9	5	2	2	2	9	9	21
Bury	13	4	0	2	11	6	2	2	3	10	12	20
Port Vale	13	5	0	1	11	5	1	2	4	5	13	20
Bristol R	12	3	2	1	10	8	2	2	2	8	9	19
Northmptn	13	3	2	2	13	9	1	4	1	7	7	18
Oxford Utd	13	4	2	1	9	6	1	1	4	5	8	18
Peterboro	13	2	3	1	13	8	2	2	3	8	9	17
Wimbledon	13	2	2	3	9	9	2	3	1	9	8	17
Fleetwood T	12	3	3	1	12	9	1	1	3	6	7	16
Walsall	12	4	1	2	14	13	0	3	2	2	6	16
Charlton	12	2	3	2	10	6	1	3	1	5	6	15
M K Dons	13	0	2	4	4	10	4	1	2	12	7	15
Millwall	12	2	2	1	9	6	2	1	4	12	17	15
Gillingham	13	2	2	2	8	8	2	1	4	11	17	15
Southend	13	3	2	2	9	9	1	1	4	4	14	15
Swindon	13	2	0	4	5	8	1	4	2	7	9	13
Chesterfld	12	3	1	2	12	9	0	2	4	4	8	12
Oldham	13	0	3	3	2	7	2	2	2	5	8	12
Shrewsbry	13	1	2	3	6	8	1	2	4	7	13	10
Coventry	12	0	5	0	3	3	1	1	5	5	12	9

SkyBet League Two

Acc Stanley.....2 **Blackpool**.....1
Boco 89 pen,90 Cain 81
HT 0-0 Att 2,754

Barnet.....1 **Exeter** 4
Akinde 11 Taylor 43
Holmes 50
Wheeler 56
Reid 81 pen
HT 1-1 Att 1,640

Cambridge.....0 **Grimsby**.....1
Berrett 26
HT 0-1 Att 5,121

Carlisle.....3 **Hartlepool** 2
Ibehre 20 Alessandra 66
Grainger 68 Amond 75
Raynes 79
HT 1-0 Att 7,333

Cheltnham .....2 **Crawley** 1
Waters 3 Djalo 78
Munns 62
HT 1-0 Att 2,678

Doncaster.....1 **Colchester**.....0
Rowe 45
HT 1-0 Att 5,007

Leyton O.....1 **Luton** 2
Palmer 79 McGeehan 30
Hylton 75
HT 0-1 Att 5,471

Mansfield.....1 **Wycombe** 1
Green 81 Bloomfield 23
HT 0-1 Att 2,898

Morecambe.....0 **Stevenage** 2
Godden 36
Kennedy 57
HT 0-1 Att 1,212

Notts Cnty .....1 **Crewe** 1
Forte 80 Kiwomya 81
HT 0-0 Att 8,012

Plymouth .....2 **POMPEY**.....2
Songo'o 21 Bennett 40
Smith 89 Rose 86
HT 1-1 Att 13,508

Yeovil .....1 **Newport County** 0
Eaves 81
HT 0-0 Att 3,353

	HOME						AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Plymouth	13	4	2	1	12	8	5	0	1	9	3	29
Doncaster	13	5	2	0	14	6	3	0	3	12	10	26
Carlisle	13	4	3	0	11	6	2	4	0	11	7	25
Luton	13	3	2	1	12	7	3	2	2	11	7	22
POMPEY	**13**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**16**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**3**	**5**	**8**	**21**
Grimsby	13	3	0	3	9	9	3	2	2	9	8	20
Acc Stanley	13	3	2	2	11	10	2	2	2	7	7	19
Crewe	13	2	4	0	9	6	2	3	2	8	11	19
Crawley	13	3	2	1	7	5	2	2	3	8	11	19
Morecambe	13	2	0	5	8	16	4	1	1	10	8	19
Mansfield	13	2	3	2	6	5	2	3	1	7	7	18
Notts Cnty	13	1	3	3	9	11	4	0	2	11	9	18
Colchester	13	3	1	2	11	9	1	3	3	5	8	16
Hartlepool	13	0	5	1	6	7	3	2	2	14	15	16
Yeovil	13	4	0	3	9	8	1	1	4	4	11	16
Wycombe	13	4	1	1	10	5	0	2	5	4	12	15
Blackpool	13	2	3	1	8	5	1	2	4	9	10	14
Stevenage	12	3	0	3	12	9	1	2	3	5	10	14
Cheltnham	13	2	3	2	8	7	0	4	2	7	10	13
Exeter	13	0	1	5	1	8	4	0	3	11	9	13
Cambridge	13	2	2	3	7	10	1	2	3	4	7	13
Leyton O	13	1	0	6	5	9	2	3	1	8	8	12
Barnet	12	1	4	2	7	9	1	2	2	6	10	12
Newport Co	11	0	2	2	6	8	1	2	4	4	8	7

Ladbrokes Scottish Prem

Aberdeen.....4 **Ross Cnty** 0
Hayes 20
Logan 32
McGinn 68
Stockley 78
HT 2-0 Att 10,091

Celtic.....2 **Motherwell** 0
Sinclair 18
Dembele 87 pen
HT 1-0

Hearts .....2 **Dundee**.....0
Paterson 68
Johnsen 89
HT 0-0 Att 16,512

Partick.....2 **Hamilton**.....2
Edwards 22 Donati 14
Lindsay 43 Brophy 83
HT 2-1 Att 2,843

St Johnstn.....0 **Kilmarnock**.....1
Boyd 76
HT 0-0 Att 2,930

	HOME						AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	8	4	0	0	17	3	3	1	0	9	5	22
Aberdeen	9	3	2	0	9	3	2	1	1	8	5	18
Hearts	9	3	1	1	11	4	2	1	1	5	3	17
Rangers	9	2	2	0	5	2	2	1	2	6	9	15
St Johnstn	9	1	1	2	3	5	3	1	1	8	4	14
Motherwell	9	1	1	2	6	7	1	2	2	5	7	9
Inverness CT	9	2	1	2	9	8	0	2	2	3	9	9
Ross Cnty	9	1	1	2	4	6	1	2	2	3	7	9
Kilmarnock	9	0	2	2	4	9	2	1	2	5	10	9
Hamilton	9	1	2	1	4	4	0	3	2	7	11	8
Partick	8	1	2	2	6	7	0	1	2	3	6	6
Dundee	9	0	2	3	4	8	1	1	2	4	6	6

Ladbrokes Scottish Ch'ship

Dumbarton .....0 **Ayr Utd** 3
Forrest 2,50,62 pen
HT - Att 1,005

Falkirk.....2 **Dunfrmline**.....1
Sibbald 27 El Alagui 75
Hippolyte 52
HT 1-0 Att 6,377

Queen Sth .....0 **Morton**.....5
Forbes 6
McDonagh 33
Oliver 36
Quitongo 64
O'Ware 72 pen
HT 0-3 Att 1,695

Raith.....0 **Hibernian**.....0
HT 0-0 Att 3,753

St Mirren.....0 **Dundee Utd**.....2
Fraser 38
Andreu 74
HT 0-1 Att 3,612

	HOME						AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hibernian	9	2	1	1	8	4	3	2	0	5	1	18
Queen Sth	9	3	1	1	9	7	2	2	0	5	2	18
Falkirk	9	4	0	1	9	4	1	2	1	4	4	17
Dundee Utd	9	2	2	0	8	4	2	1	2	7	6	15
Raith	9	3	1	1	8	5	1	1	2	5	6	14
Morton	9	2	0	5	3	1	1	1	3	8	9	12
Ayr Utd	9	1	2	1	3	4	2	0	3	6	10	11
Dunfrmline	9	2	0	2	9	10	0	1	4	3	8	7
Dumbarton	9	1	2	2	2	5	0	1	3	6	9	6
St Mirren	9	0	2	3	3	9	0	2	2	6	9	4

Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 1

Airdrieonians .....L **Peterhead**.....L
HT L-L

Brechin.....0 **Alloa** 1
Marr 68
HT 0-0 Att 413

Livingston .....1 **Albion R** 2
Buchanan 90 pen Boyd 18
Wallace 70
HT 0-1 Att 702

Queen Park.....1 **East Fife**.....0
Fotheringham 15
HT 1-0 Att 571

Stenhsmuir.....0 **Stranraer** 5
Gibson 11
Turner 28
Malcolm 34,80
Nade 78
HT 0-3 Att 341

	HOME						AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Alloa	9	2	0	2	8	6	4	1	0	14	5	19
Brechin	9	3	1	1	7	5	3	0	1	6	3	19
Livingston	9	3	0	1	12	5	3	0	2	10	8	18
Albion R	9	2	0	2	6	6	2	2	1	10	8	14
Stranraer	9	2	0	2	6	8	2	0	3	8	8	12
East Fife	9	2	1	2	8	6	1	1	2	5	4	11
Airdrieonians	8	1	1	2	4	7	2	1	1	9	7	11
Queen Park	9	2	0	3	4	7	1	1	2	2	5	10
Stenhsmuir	9	0	3	2	7	13	1	0	3	3	10	6
Peterhead	8	1	1	2	5	7	0	1	3	3	9	5

Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 2

Arbroath .....2 **Forfar**.....0
Cox 51 og
Scott 77
HT 0-0 Att 862

Cowdenbth.....2 **Annan Athletic**.....2
Miller 51 Cuddihy 22
Todorov 81 McKenna 37
HT 0-2 Att 331

Edinburgh City.....0 **Clyde** 1
Higgins 70
HT 0-0 Att 438

Montrose .....0 **Elgin** 5
McHardy 2,19
Cameron 30,83
Sutherland 51
HT 0-3 Att 302

Stirling A.....0 **Berwick** 0
HT 0-0 Att 517

	HOME						AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Forfar	9	3	0	1	12	9	4	0	1	8	6	21
Elgin	10	1	0	3	3	5	5	0	1	8	6	18
Clyde	9	3	0	1	10	7	2	2	1	7	5	17
Arbroath	9	2	3	0	9	5	1	2	1	7	7	14
Berwick	9	1	1	2	6	7	2	3	0	5	2	13
Annan Ath	9	2	1	1	8	7	1	3	1	7	7	13
Stirling A	9	1	3	1	4	6	1	0	3	8	12	9
Montrose	9	0	3	2	4	10	2	0	2	5	5	9
Cowdenbth	9	1	1	3	4	7	1	1	2	8	10	8
Edinburgh City	10	0	1	5	7	12	0	2	2	2	7	3

FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round

Aldershot.....1 **Eastbourne Borough 2**
Kanu 69 Taylor 52
Pinney 90
HT 0-0

Alfreton Town.....2 **Gateshead**.....2
Clayton 24 S Jones 78,81
Westcarr 76
HT 1-0

Altrncham.....3 **Matlock Town**.....1
Reeves 37 McManus 31
Miller 47,52
HT 1-1

Barrow.....2 **Tranmere**.....1
Bennett 15 Diarra 24 og
Turnbull 64
HT 1-1

Beaconsfield .....0 **Brackley** 5
Diggin 4
Armson 80 pen
Pitt 86
Dias 89
Ndlovu 90
HT 0-1

Boreham W .....3 **Hendon**.....0
Ferrier 10,10
Andrade 66
Balanta 90
HT 1-0

Braintree Town.....L **Bromley**.....L
Turgott 45
HT 0-1

Burgess Hill Town .....L **Dover**.....L
Miller 9
Modeste 44
HT 0-3

Chesham .....L **Potters Bar Town** L
HT 1-0

Dagenham .....3 **Wealdstone**.....1
Okenabirhie 31 Whichelow 45
Hawkins 50
Maguire-Drew 75
HT 1-1

EASTLEIGH.....L **North Leigh**.....L
Drury 45
HT 3-0

Egham.....0 **St Albans**.....1
Merson 28
HT 0-1

Harrogate Town .....L **FC Halifax** L
HT 0-0

Kiddrmnstr.....L **Weymouth**.....L
HT 3-0

Lincoln City.....L **Guiseley** L
HT 0-0

Lincoln Utd.....L **Spennymoor Town**....L
Tait 12 pen
Dowson 27
HT 0-2

Maidstone Utd.....L **Billericay Town**.....L
HT 1-0

Merstham.....L **Ebbsfleet United**.....L
Penny 43
HT 2-1

Nantwich T .....L **Stourbrdge**.....L
Hancock 40 pen Broadhurst 10,38
Benbow 34
HT 1-3

N Ferriby.....L **Macclesfld**.....L
Mukendi 2 Whitaker 43
HT 1-1

Solihull Moors.....L **Kettering** L
Beswick 18
Brown 24
HT 2-0

Southport .....L **Chester FC**.....L
HT 1-0

Stamford.....1 **Wrexham** 1
Beeson 58 pen Harrad 5
HT 0-1

Stockport County.....L **Bishop A** L
HT 2-0

Sutton Utd .....2 **Forest Grn**.....1
Steam 36 Noble 25
Deacon 90
HT 1-1

Taunton.....L **H Hempstead**.....L
HT 0-0

Tonbridge Angels .....L **Dartford**.....L
HT 0-1

Torquay.....L **Woking** L
Young 5
HT 1-0

Welling U .....0 **Whitehawk** 1
Connolly 4
HT 0-1

Westfields.....2 **Leiston** 1
Glover 57 Winter 73
Greaves 86
HT 0-0

York..... 1 **Curzon Ashton**.....1
Brodie 9 pen Cummins 28
HT 1-1

Harrow.....2 **Margate** 2
Newman 35 Cash 17
Driver 79 Buchanan 45 pen
HT 1-2

NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

FA CUP, fourth qualifying round
Southport 1 Chester 0
Alfreton 2 Gateshead 2
North Ferriby 1 Macclesfield 4
Harrogate 0 FC Halifax 2
Stockport County 2 Bishop Auckland 0
Barrow 2 Tranmere 1
Altrincham 3 Matlock 1
Lincoln 0 Guiseley 0
Stamford 1 Wrexham 1
York 1 Curzon Ashton 1
Welling 0 Whitehawk 1
Sutton 2 Forest Green 1
Chesham 1 Potters Bar 0
Dagenham & Redbridge 3 Wealdstone 1
Torquay 1 Woking 1
Taunton 0 Hemel Hempstead 0
Braintree 4 Bromley 2
Beaconsfield SYCOB 0 Brackley 5
Tonbridge Angels 0 Dartford 3
Egham 0 St Albans 1
Boreham Wood 3 Hendon 0
Aldershot 1 Eastbourne Borough 2
Harrow Borough 2 Margate 2
Maidstone 3 Billericay 1
Kidderminster 6 Weymouth 0
Solihull Moors 3 Kettering 1
Burgess Hill 0 Dover 5
Merstham 2 Ebbsfleet 1
Eastleigh 6 North Leigh 0
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
East Thurrock 5 Weston-s-Mare 1
Gosport Borough 0 Chelmsford 6
Maidenhead 6 Bishops Stortford 0
Poole Town 1 Oxford City 3
Truro 0 Hampton & Richmond 3
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division
Biggleswade 0 Basingstoke 0
Cambridge City 1 Redditch 4
Chippenham 2 Stratford 1
Cirencester 1 St Ives 2
Dunstable 2 Dorchester 1
Frome 1 Hitchin 1
Kings Lynn 2 Hayes & Yeading 2
Merthyr 1 Slough 1
St Neots 3 Cinderford 1
Division One South & West:
Barnstaple 1 Wantage 1
Larkhall 3 Mangotsfield 0
Paulton Rovers 2 Bishops Cleeve 0
Shortwood 1 Bridgwater 1
Slimbridge 2 Salisbury 1
Swindon Supermarine 1 Evesham 3
Tiverton 3 AFC Totton 2
Wimborne 2 Hereford 3
Winchester City 3 Didcot 1
Yate 1 Bideford 2
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division:
Amesbury 2 Hamworthy Utd 1
Bemerton HH 0 AFC Portchester 0
Bournemouth Poppies 1 Cowes Sports 1
Brockenhurst 3 Alresford 1
Fawley 0 Andover Town 2
Hordean 0 Blackfield & Langley 1
Lymington Town 3 Fareham 1
Moneyfields 3 Bashley 1
Portland Utd 2 Newport IoW 3
Team Solent 1 Sholing 1
Whitchurch 4 Verwood 3
Division One:
Baffins MR 4 Weymouth 1
Downton 1 Ringwood 0
East Cowes Vics 1 Andover NS 1
Fleet Spurs 4 Hythe & Dibden 3
Follands 2 Christchurch 4
Hamble Club 2 US Portsmouth 2
Laverstock & Ford 2 Romsey 1
New Milton 3 AFC Stoneham 0
Pewsey Vale 0 Totton & Eling 4
Shaftesbury 6 Alton -
NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP, first round
Andover Lions 2 Overton United 0
NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP, second round
Hede End Rangers 3 Bush Hill 1
Hedge End Rangers Res 2 Lyndhurst 0
NORTH HANTS INTERMEDIATE CUP
South Wonston Swifts 3 Tadley Calleva Res 0
ALDERSHOT INTERMEDIATE CUP
Alton A-W Frimley Select
HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP
Alresford Town 4 New Milton Town 0
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
PEHPL CUP – second round:
AFC Petersfield 1 Liphook 4
Clanfield 4 Sway 2
Fleetlands 3 Michelmersh & Timsbury 2
Headley Utd 0 Hayling Utd 3
Liss 1 QK Southampton 2
Locks Heath 0 Paulsgrove 3
Premier Division:
Infinity 0 Colden Common 0
Division One:
Four Marks 2 Upham 0
Combination Division:
Hayling 5 Headley 2
Liphook 5 Four Marks 3
Michelmersh & Timsbury pp AFC Petersfield
Paulsgrove Res 0 Overton United 0
QK Southampton 1 Bush Hill 1
Winchester Castle 3 Fleetlands 1
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division One East
Bosham 1 Newport IoW 4
Colden Common PP Hamble Club
Division One West
AFC Stoneham 3 Bournemouth 1
Hythe & Dibden 3 Brockenhurst 1
Totton & Eling 0 Team Solent 2
Verwood Town 0 Downton 2
DREW SMITH SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE
Senior League Cup
Soton University 1 Nursling 6
Southampton Senior Cup, second round
AFC Botley 1 Sholing Res 8
Southampton Junior A Cup, quarter-finals
BTC Soton Res 1 Forest Edge Rovers 2
Capital 6 Upham Res 5 aet
Langley Manor 3 FC Independence 2
Park Phoenix 3 Compton 0
Premier Division:
AFC Gulf Western 2 BTC Soton 2
Durley L Chamberlayne AFC L
Comrades 1 Park Sports 0
Senior Division
Bishops Waltham Dyn 3 Athletico Romsey 1
Montefiore Halls 1 Priory Rovers 1

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